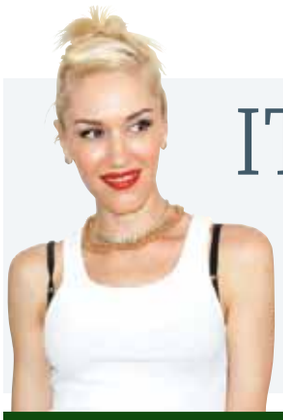

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ER doctors feel stress of condo boom

Downtown growth. Rate at which Toronto's density is increasing is outpacing hospital capacity: Administrators

Anil Chopra can't believe some of the things happening in his emergency departments' waiting rooms.

They're just too crowded — and it's clear to him where the surge of people comes from.

"You just have to look outside your window," says Chopra, head of emergency medicine at the University Health Network, which includes Princess Margaret, Toronto Western, Toronto General and Toronto Rehab hospitals.

Chopra and other doctors and hospital administrators say the rate at which downtown Toronto's density is increasing is outpacing the area hospitals' capacity and infrastructure.

Both Toronto Western and Toronto General's emergency departments have exceeded their capacities, with a combined total of more than 100,000 visits every year.

"We do things I wouldn't have imagined," says Chopra.

Nurses in his department started doing some therapies right in the triage area. Patients with IV drips are sitting in chairs — there aren't enough beds. Chopra's had to examine patients right in the waiting room, "knowing full well I'm in earshot of other people," he says. "Otherwise, they will wait four more hours."

The downtown population boom has also put pressure on St. Michael's Hospital.

When its emergency department was built in 1983, it was designed to handle 45,000 patients a year.

Today, that department annually sees more than 70,000 patients. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Growth spurt

The city's population rose 4.5 per cent from '06 to '11.

- There are now 132 high-rises under construction, according to the city's website — the most out of any city in the world.

JUST WATCH AS THEY

STEEL THE SPOTLIGHT

The Steel Pan orchestra takes a break from rehearsing Sunday at the Jefferson, in the King-Dufferin neighbourhood. The orchestra is led by Earl LaPierre Sr., who won last year's Pan Alive competition, and also played later in the evening during a Pan Alley party. Canada's only national Pan competition will be held Aug. 3 at Lamport Stadium. COURTESY OF MAKOTO HIRATA

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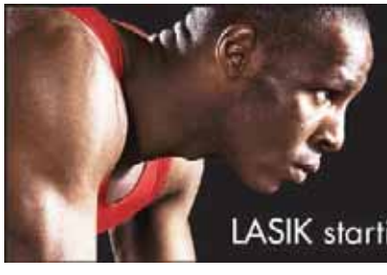

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Homicides

Weekend violence leaves two men dead

Police were busy early Sunday investigating a fatal stabbing in Vaughan and a homicide after a body was found in a Scarborough ditch.

Zishan Malik, 20, of Toronto, was arrested and charged with second-degree murder in connection with the body found alongside McCowan Road, just north of Highway 401, Toronto Police confirmed. This marks the city's 31st homicide this year.

Around 3 a.m. Sunday, in Vaughan, York Regional Police attended a "large fight" outside a nightclub near Highway 7 and Highway 27. A 29-year-old man was found suffering from multiple stab wounds. He later died in the parking lot. No arrests have been made.

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Miguel Avila, right, holds a sign at the corner of Sheppard Avenue and Meadowvale Road near the Toronto Zoo on Sunday. Avila is in favour of sending the Toronto Zoo's elephants to Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) sanctuary in California. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Picketers protest PAWS for elephants

Animal safety. Two groups at odds over whether sanctuary is best transfer location

Toronto Zoo's trio of aging African elephants doesn't have to start packing their trunks just yet for California's Performing Animal Welfare Society sanctuary.

They won't be leaving until September, says Julie Woodyer of Zoocheck Canada, the local organization working on behalf of the PAWS sanctuary.

The animals had been scheduled to leave in August after months of delays.

Against PAWS

"I just want the elephants to go to a safe home that has the least risk of disease"

Lisa Selby, Picketer from Scarborough

City council voted October 2011 that the animals be sent to the sanctuary.

"The heat is a big problem because they are in steel crates," said Woodyer, adding that while the cargo aircraft they'll travel on is climate-controlled, the summer heat while loading the animals could cause problems. "There's no point in taking a risk for the sake of a month."

But reports about a case of an Asian elephant with tuberculosis at PAWS has some pachyderm lovers concerned that PAWS isn't the best place for the African elephants Iringa, 42, Toka, 41, and Thika, 31.

Two small groups of picketers took up spots outside the zoo Sunday, both sides insisting they have the animals' welfare at heart. Lisa Selby of Scarborough, holding a sign demanding the elephants not go to PAWS, said a case of tuberculosis at the sanctuary shows it's not the best place for them.

"I just want the elephants to go to a safe home that has the least risk of disease," said Selby, who has picketed for the past several weeks.

Selby said the elephants may be better off at another facility such as the under-construction National Elephant Center in Florida or perhaps even to a different zoo.

Across Meadowvale Road, pro-PAWS supporter Steve Gordon and four others holding signs reading "Free the Toronto Zoo Elephants," said the animals have to be moved as soon as possible, certainly before winter. He's been at the corner for the past 10 weeks.

"It's so common sense," said Gordon, a retired computer consultant. "Elephants need the room and they are just not built for a zoo."

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In memory of a sibling

Amiga Taylor holds a banner on Sunday depicting her brother at the Ryerson gym where she is helping to stage a basketball tournament to raise funds in his memory for Ephraim's Place, where children can play basketball at a minimal cost. Today is the fifth anniversary of the death of her younger brother, Ephraim Brown, in a shooting at a BBQ. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three people injured in bus crash along Queen St. West

Three people were taken to hospital with minor injuries after a TTC bus crashed head-first into a commercial building on Queen Street West.

Police were called to a three-vehicle collision at the corner of Queen and Peter streets at 10:18 a.m.

Ambulances transported three people with minor injuries to hospital, Traffic Services said.

Chunks of plastic littered the intersection, which officers roped off with yellow caution tape. A plastic bumper was ripped off one of the cars.

The front of a taxi was smashed in during the accident.

Officers from Traffic Services investigated the crash on the popular shopping strip throughout the afternoon, clearing the scene shortly after 5 p.m. The bus slammed into a building that contains a Gap clothing store and Little Nicky's, a coffee shop.

Police said a City of Toronto structural engineer had been called to assess the damage to the building.

It's not clear what caused the collision and no charges have been laid, police said.

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This bus crashed head-first into a commercial building on Queen Street West on Sunday. RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Downtown YMCA

Man without pulse pulled from pool

When a man in his 60s was pulled from the pool at a downtown YMCA, he did not have pulse, police said Sunday. They were called to 20 Grosvenor Street at 7:45 a.m. after a swimmer experienced chest pains. Police said CPR was performed on scene and the man was revived and transported to hospital. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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On the web

So much for the Olympic spirit

For some in Athens, the Olympics are not a celebratory affair. The birthplace of the Games is collectively groaning after hosting the 2004 event. Go to metronews.ca to find out why the public is so unhappy.

Cute little crocs

Two endangered Cuban crocodiles have hatched at the National Zoo in Washington. Go to metronews.ca to see scientists feed the cute baby crocs before showing them to the public.

Mobile news

A small part in an upcoming sci-fi remake has turned into a treasure chest of publicity for a Canadian actress who plays a three-breasted prostitute in the flick. Scan the code to find out more.

For Chinese students, worry in wake of recent murders

Qian Liu's mother, Zheng Yaru, is helped from the coroner's office after identifying her slain daughter's body last year.
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Second thoughts. Jun Lin, Qian Liu cases, sex assaults at York U have mainland Chinese parents alarmed

Sean Li first heard about the gruesome murder of Concordia University student Jun Lin from his parents in Beijing, who learned of it from news reports in China.

"They're worried for my safety here," said Li, 22, who studies business at Toronto's Centennial College. "They warned me, 'Don't go near any crowd. Finish school and come back to China.'"

His classmate Zi Pan was thinking of a transfer to York University, but his parents in Hebei province, after reading news about the recent gun violence in Toronto, have instructed him to pick a small-town university, such as Brock or Waterloo, instead.

"We picked Canada because it's a safe and peaceful country," said Pan, 20, president of Centennial's 400-member Chinese Association of Students. "But my parents' impression of Canada has changed from positive to negative because of all these news stories on murders and violence."

With news travelling at lightning speed in the information age, mainland Chinese parents, who have long valued a Western education for their children, are alarmed by Lin's death, as well as last year's high-profile murder of Chinese visa student Qian Liu in Toronto and recent sex assaults at York University.

Liu, whose murder in Toronto was witnessed on video camera by her boyfriend in China, and Lin, who was killed and whose body was dismembered in Montreal, were both reportedly only children.

Recently, these news reports have become fodder for discussions in Chinese-language online forums, where gossip and rumours swirl among bloggers and reach far and wide in China, which is increasingly connected to Canada through booming bilateral trade and the tens of thousands of Chinese immigrants settling here each year.

On yorkbbs.ca, a popular community website, one blogger wrote, "We are all too naïve, evils are all round us." Another asked, "Is Canada still safe for us?"

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"Because of China's one-child policy, Chinese parents are very concerned for our safety because they only have one child."
Zi Pan, who does not have any siblings.

More action urged

York University, which has 1,500 visa students from mainland China, said it has had "very few" inquiries from prospective students about the school's safety. "Safety and security of all students are a top priority for all students at York," spokesperson Joanne Rider said.

- However, Gloria Fung, a well-known commentator in Toronto's Chinese community, said neither Canada nor the education industry has communicated proactively with international students and their parents to assure them that the country has remained safe. "These concerns need to be taken seriously," said Fung.

The mother of Jun Lin, Zhi Gui Du, cries uncontrollably as she is comforted by a friend during a public memorial for Lin in Montreal on Saturday.
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Ford's new wheels throw him for a loop

Mayor Rob Ford gets into his new Cadillac Escalade while visiting homeowners whose basements were flooded last week. The vehicle was a birthday gift from his two brothers. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor Rob Ford is now wheeling around in a Cadillac Escalade.

If it seems out of character for a mayor who's been driving an aging minivan, it is, says his city councillor brother, Doug.

Coun. Ford said he and the other Ford brother, Randy, purchased the luxury sport utility vehicle as a birthday gift for the mayor.

Ford turned 43 in late May.

"We showed up with the car, and he couldn't say no," Doug Ford said Friday. "He said, 'Hey, this isn't me.' I said, 'Well, you have no choice, you're driving it now.'"

Coun. Ford said it was a well-equipped model but wouldn't reveal what the brothers paid. The Escalade is listed as having a price range of $86,000 to $108,000.

Doug and Randy — who works in the family printing business — both drive luxury SUVs, and have for years. But their brother has been out of step, piloting an older-model Chevrolet Uplander minivan.

Ford drove the light brown Chevy on city business as a councillor and since he was elected mayor in October 2010.

An upgrade was long overdue, said Coun. Ford.

"It was worn out. The thing is shaking. The guy had it for years. I wouldn't even ride in it."

While he's moving up to a luxury vehicle, he continues to drive himself and wouldn't agree to have a city employee chauffeur him around, Doug Ford said.

"He'd be in his grave before he did that. Many people think he should have a driver, including me, but he's not budging."

The mayor has had his new wheels for a few weeks, but he's having trouble adjusting.

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"Rob's unique.... He told me he doesn't feel comfortable in it, that it's not him. But what am I going to do, go out and buy another used van for him?" Coun. Doug Ford

Nine-metre drop

SUV plummets into ravine

An SUV veered off the road and into a ravine, rolling into trees before landing upside-down in a creek near Finch and Bayview avenues on Sunday afternoon.

The driver, a 51-year-old woman, was taken to hospital with minor injuries. She got out of the blue Hyundai Santa Fe on her own, police said.

Fire officials said the vehicle fell more than nine metres at an approximated 75-degree drop. The SUV toppled several trees as it rolled down the hill, police said. Police said they are unsure why the SUV drove off the road. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Al-Qaida. New leader vows movement's return to regional prominence

The first online statement from the new leader of al-Qaida's affiliate in Iraq claims that the militant network is returning to the old strongholds from which it was driven by U.S. forces and their Sunni allies prior to the American withdrawal at the end of last year, and that it is preparing operations to free prisoners and assassinate court officials.

The audio identifies the speaker as Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who became head of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) in 2010. It was posted late Saturday on a website regularly used by the militant movement to make statements.

Al-Baghdadi also invited Muslims to come to Iraq to join his movement and warned the United States that it would soon see militant attacks on its territory, although it is unclear whether he was referring to attacks by his Iraqi network or by other al-Qaida affiliates.

The statement comes as Sunni insurgents, now believed to be dominated by the ISI, step up attacks against Shiites, government officials and other targets, in what is seen as a bid to undercut the authority of Iraq's state and revive sectarian conflict in the wake of the pull-out of the last American forces in the country in December.

There is little indication yet however that the large-scale fighting between sectarian groups that wracked the country in 2006 and 2007 will return, nor does al-Qaida appear to have restored the domination it once had over many Sunni communities in that period.

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The site of a joint U.S-Iraqi raid on a safe house that killed top-ranking al-Qaida figures Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri. KARIM KADIM/THE ASSOCIATED

Friendly faces under fire

Syrian girls attend a demonstration in Kfarnebel, Idlib province, northern Syria. Arabic writing on their foreheads, from top left to bottom right reads, "Latakia, greetings, freedom Homs, Syrian blood, down, Midan neighbourhood." A new rebel alliance said Sunday it had launched an offensive to "liberate" Syria's largest city, Aleppo, while government troops backed by helicopter gunships wrested back control of rebel-held neighbourhoods in the capital Damascus. EDLIB NEWS NETWORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

West Bank

Israel tries to delay evacuation

Israel's government has asked the country's Supreme Court to delay the evacuation of a West Bank settlement by a month. No decision was announced.

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Politics

Palestinians push UN for statehood

The Arab League on Sunday backed a Palestinian plan to ask the UN General Assembly to recognize a state of Palestine, but stopped short of setting a date for the bid, Palestinian officials said.

Instead, Arab League representatives meeting in Doha asked a committee to prepare the UN appeal and report back on Sept. 5, said Saeb Erekat, an aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. Timing is crucial, with a UN bid before November potentially disrupting the U.S. presidential race.

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U.S. campaign

Israel PM passes on endorsement

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu skillfully skirted U.S. politics on Sunday by refusing to endorse either presidential candidate.

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Details emerge about Aurora theatre rampage suspect

Colorado. Holmes was neuroscience student who quit Ph.D. in June

The suspect in the Colorado shooting rampage displayed behaviour that a gun range owner thought was "bizarre," but it is still unclear if anyone at the university where he studied had any hint of his plans.

Police said James Holmes began buying guns at Denver-area stores nearly two months before Friday's shooting. He also received at least 50 packages in four months at his home and the University of Colorado, Denver that authorities are investigating to see whether they contained materials for the potentially deadly booby traps that police found in his apartment.

At the same time, the quiet 24-year-old was in the final weeks of the first year of a rigorous Ph.D. neuroscience program, where he took a three-part final exam required for students to progress in the program and was scheduled to give a presentation on Micro-RNA Biomarkers before abruptly leaving in June.

Holmes is being held without bond on suspicion of multiple counts of first-degree murder after a shooting rampage minutes into a premiere of the new Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora early Friday that left 12 people dead and 58 injured.

He is scheduled for an initial court hearing Monday and has been assigned a public defender.

Amid the continuing investigation of Holmes and his background, Sunday was a day for healing and remembrance in Aurora, with President Barack Obama arriving to visit with families of the victims and a vigil planned for later in the evening. Congregations across Colorado prayed for the shooting victims and their relatives.

Holmes was being held in solitary confinement at a Denver-area county detention facility and was not co-operating with authorities, Aurora Police Chief Dan Oates said.

"He lawyered up. He's not talking to us," the chief said.

Authorities are working with FBI behavioural analysts and are looking into Holmes' relationships to figure out a motive, which could take months, Oates said.

The owner of a gun range said that Holmes applied to join the club last month but never became a member because of his behaviour and a "bizarre" message on his voice mail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christine Watson, left, and her mother, Kathy, pay their respects to fellow parishioner Rebecca Ann Wingo at a memorial in Aurora, Colo. on Sunday. AARON ONTIVEROZ/THE DENVER POST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norway pauses to mark anniversary of massacre

Norway on Sunday paused to commemorate the 77 victims of a bomb and gun massacre that shocked the peaceful nation one year ago, a tragedy that the prime minister said had brought Norwegians together in defence of democracy and tolerance.

In a wreath-laying ceremony at the bomb site, Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said Anders Behring Breivik had failed in his declared goal of destroying Norway's commitment to being an inclusive, multicultural society.

"The bomb and the gun shots were meant to change Norway," Stoltenberg told a sombre crowd of a few hundred people at the ceremony. "The Norwegian people answered by embracing our values. The perpetrator lost. The people won."

Tarps still cover windows of bomb-damaged buildings on the plaza, and large cement road blocks stop all but pedestrian traffic. Mounted police and officers with bomb-sniffing dogs were on site Sunday, but the security was not overbearing, as if to show that Norway was still an open society.

Survivors and families of victims gathered for a private ceremony on the island. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The attack

Anders Behring Breivik, a 33-year-old right-wing fanatic, has admitted to the July 22, 2011, attacks: A bombing in the government district in Oslo, killing eight, and a shooting rampage that left 69 dead at the left-wing Labour Party's youth camp on Utoya island.

Theodor Lindhjem, 2 years old, lays a flower outside the cathedral in Oslo Sunday. LISE ASERUD/NTB SCANPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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San Diego. U.S. troops march in military dress at gay pride parade

Navy sailors before the gay pride parade Sat. in San Diego. AP PHOTO

Some of the loudest cheers Saturday at San Diego's gay pride parade were for active-duty troops marching in military dress, the first time that U.S. service members participated in such an event while in full uniform.

Dozens of soldiers, sailors, and Marines marched alongside an old Army truck decorated with a "Freedom to Serve" banner and a rainbow flag symbolizing gay pride. They were joined by dozens more military personnel in civilian clothes, but the uniforms stood out among the flower-bedecked floats and scantily clad revelers.

Spectators waved signs reading, "Thank you for your service," and, "My gay son is a Naval officer."

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N.Y. marks one year since it legalized same-sex marriage

Sixth state to allow gay weddings.

Tuesday is officially the first anniversary of the law but no additional states have enacted similar legislation

Lee Canova, right, and Patricia Galbraith of Metairie La., are married at The Falls Wedding Chapel in Niagara Falls, N.Y. in this July 17 photo. DAVID DUPREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York became the largest and most influential American state to legalize same-sex marriage one year ago, raising supporters' hopes that it would boost national momentum and pump money into the state with a flurry of weddings from Manhattan to Niagara Falls.

As the anniversary nears Tuesday, the law's effects are noticeable if hard to measure.

Thousands of same-sex couples have wed across New York, but it's unclear just how many, partly because marriage applicants aren't required to identify themselves by gender. The wedding business is up, but some planners in New York City say it's not booming.

And while President Barack Obama announced support this year for gay marriage, no state has enacted a law allowing it since New York. And opponents note that North Carolina voters banned it.

One thing is clear: Legalizing gay marriage in the cultural, media and business hub of New York City amped up the spotlight on the issue.

New York inked its gay marriage law with a nail-biting state Senate vote on the night of June 24, 2011. One month later, New York became the sixth and largest state to allow gay weddings.

Opponents note that voters have rejected gay marriage in all 32 states where it has been on the ballot.

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Poland remembers 70th anniversary of WWII deportations

Holocaust. It is the first time Poles have commemorated the start of deportations

March participants tie ribbons with the names of victims in the Holocaust onto the fence of a former Jewish orphanage, in Warsaw. ALIK KEPLICZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland marked the 70th anniversary of the first deportations from the Warsaw ghetto in 1942 with a memorial march through the city.

Although Poland regularly marks major Holocaust anniversaries, like the liberation of Auschwitz and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, there have never been major commemorations for the start of deportations to death camps on July 22, 1942.

Officials and the Polish media described Sunday's event as a first.

Hundreds from Poland's Jewish community and other Poles gathered at Umschlagplatz, the site in Warsaw where Jews were loaded onto trains bound for Treblinka. They then walked as a group to a former Jewish orphanage named after Janusz Korczak, a Jewish educator who had the chance to escape the Holocaust, but instead chose to die with the children under his care.

Participants carried colourful ribbons bearing the first names of children who died in the Holocaust and tied them to a fence at the orphanage.

The event was organized by the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, which wanted to pay homage to all those who were transported from the Warsaw ghetto, while also focusing especially on Korczak and the suffering of children.

Pawel Spiewak, director of the institute, said he has seen a tendency to commemorate events in which people rose up bravely against Nazi German cruelty, but that it's also important to remember those who had no way to defend themselves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China

Deadly flooding may not be over

China's Sichuan Province Sunday
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The heaviest rain to hit Beijing in six decades killed at least 10 people and left cars and buses submerged, and 10 other storm deaths were reported elsewhere as China braced Sunday for more downpours.
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Russia

Officials blamed for flood deaths

Russian police have detained three officials accused of failing to properly warn and evacuate residents in a southern region where floods killed scores of people this month.
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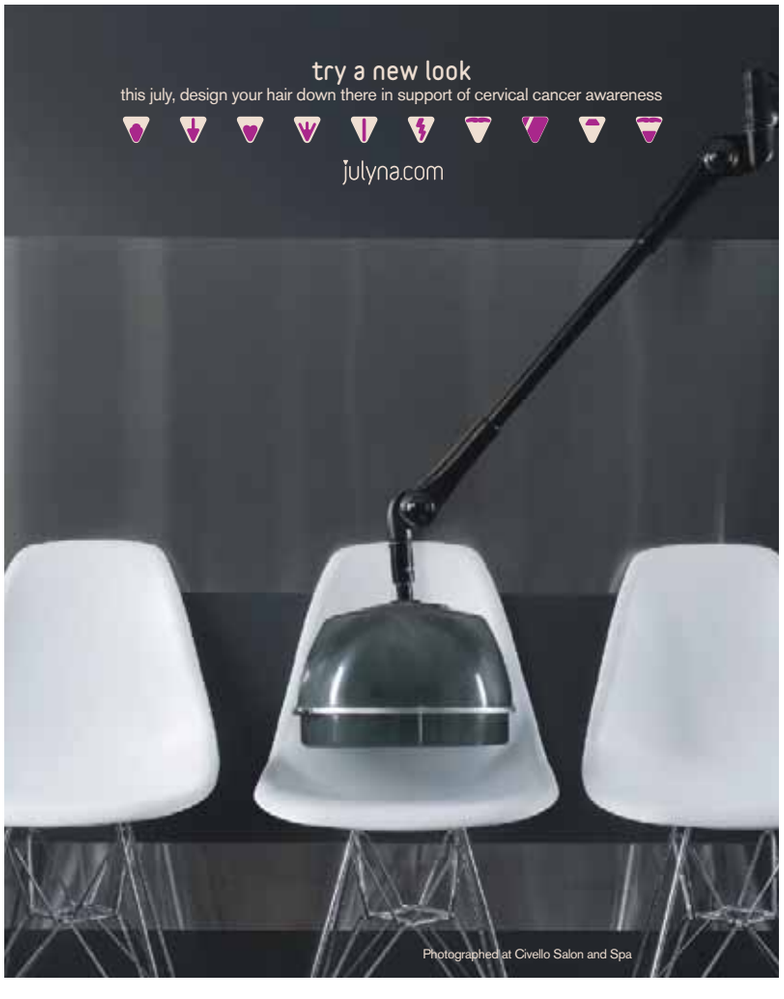
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New database should include DNA, families say

Lindsey's Law. Index meant to help identify missing persons and unidentified remains won't draw on DNA Data Bank, due to government concerns

A national database to help identify missing persons and unidentified remains is more than a year away, but families and experts say that DNA is the missing piece of the puzzle that the initiative needs.

Judy Peterson has been a proponent of such a database since her daughter, Lindsey Jill Nicholls, went missing in 1993.

"I think the DNA databank is just the missing piece," she said. "I believe it will happen, I just can't understand why it's taking so long."

Lindsey Nicholls, 14, went missing in 1993. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Peterson started a petition in 2003 called Lindsey's Law, calling for DNA from missing persons and unidentified remains to be added to the National DNA Data Bank, which was set up in 2000.

Melanie Alix's son Dylan Koshman went missing in Edmonton in October, 2008 and she too has been petitioning the government for such an addition to the data bank.

Alix and her husband gave DNA samples to police in Edmonton after her son's disappearance, but they were not accessible to law enforcement in other provinces because there is no national DNA database for missing persons and unidentified remains

A new index called the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains would store descriptive information on these cases and allow for them to be compared nationally for the first time when it launches in late 2013, but it won't include DNA.

The federal government has been resistant to amending the National DNA Data Bank to include the thousands of missing persons and hundreds of unidentified bodies across the country. It cites privacy concerns and high costs.

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Body-parts case

Jun Lin's mother addresses service

The parents of Jun Lin took part in an emotional public memorial on Saturday as Montreal's Chinese community gathered to remember the student two months after he was brutally killed.

Lin's mother, Zhigui Du, gave a heart-wrenching address at a Montreal church that brought many in the pews to tears.

"When a child dies, a parent's heart dies, too," Du said in Mandarin, as an interpreter translated into French. "He is gone. He was taken so fast."

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Political participation

Native women's political clout rises

Half of the eight candidates in the recent election for national chief of the Assembly of First Nations were women — a novelty not just for the native organization but for Canadian politics in general.

The secret to such high female participation is twofold, says Michele Audette, president of the Quebec Native Women's Association.

It lies in politics at the local level, where women on reserves have been taking the reins more and more often, she says.

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Charest's future left hanging?

Effigies are hung in protest in Montreal on Sunday during a mass demonstration against the Quebec Liberal government's policies, including university tuition hikes and Bill 78. Student groups say they are sending a message that they will be ready for a fight if Premier Jean Charest decides to call an election. PETER MCCABE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Donations. Bullied bus monitor thanks public

An American school-bus monitor who was verbally abused and tormented by students is now mulling over what to do with her embarrassment of riches.

A video showing Karen Klein, 68, being tormented and insulted on the bus ended up online and caught the eye of Max Sidirov of Toronto. He launched a fundraising drive on Indiegogo.com to pay for a holiday.

Sidirov, 25, set the initial fundraising target for $5,000 dollars, but donors kicked in $703,873 by the time his campaign wrapped up Friday night.

Klein must now decide what she'll do with the money. She said she has some organizations that work with special-needs children in mind.

"Hopefully everybody out there knows how much I appreciate everything," she said.

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Puerto Rico's legal cockfights on decline

Revenues suffering. As sport moves underground, official clubs are seeing their profits plummet

Each man clutched a wriggling knapsack and stood in line, anxious to have every gamecock weighed and outfitted with spurs for a match at one of Puerto Rico's largest cockfighting clubs. Within minutes, the men repeatedly called out the weights of their feathered fighters in a scene reminiscent of a Wall Street trading floor as they sought a suitable opponent of the same heft.

It's a scene that unfolded on a recent afternoon in an arena paid for with U.S. tax dollars, on an island territory where cockfighting is a legal and popular activity.

In fact, the territory's government is battling to keep the blood sport thriving, as many matches go underground to avoid fees and admission charges levied by official clubs. Although long in place, those costs have since become overly burdensome for some as the island endures a fifth year of economic crisis.

The business once generated $100 million US a year in revenue for government-owned clubs across the U.S. territory, among the few places in the world where such fights remain legal. Many say revenue at such clubs has plummeted.

The Spanish introduced cockfighting to Puerto Rico in the 16th century, and the sport was officially recognized for the first time in April 1770. The practice was banned after the U.S. invaded the island in 1898, and it wasn't until August 1933 that it won official status and became known as the "gentleman's sport" because of its honour-based betting system in which men yell bets at each other and later pay them.

In October 2010, Puerto Rico legislators voted for a widely-lauded resolution to protect cockfights, stating they're an integral part of the island's folklore and patrimony. Subsequent legislation to crack down on illegal fights have received a lukewarm response.

"They can propose whatever measures they want, but no one will put a stop to this," said Samuel Hernandez, a 29-year-old gamecock breeder, who has attended clandestine fights and understands their attraction.

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The Puerto Rican government is fighting to keep a sport alive that many consider inhumane . FRANKLIN REYES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Japan probes nuclear exposure coverup report

Japanese authorities are investigating subcontractors on suspicion that they forced workers at the tsunami-hit nuclear plant to underreport the amount of radiation they were exposed to so they could stay on the job longer.

Labour officials said Sunday that an investigation had begun following media reports of a coverup at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, which suffered multiple meltdowns following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disasters.

A subcontractor of plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, acknowledged having nine workers cover their dosimeters with lead plates late last year so the instrument would indicate a lower level of radiation exposure. The investigation marks the first time the government has looked into the case, believed to be part of a widespread practice at the plant since it was hit by the worst atomic crisis since Chornobyl.

Nuclear workers in Japan may have been exposed to more than safe levels of radiation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The government more than doubled the emergency radiation exposure limit soon after the accident, but lowered it back to the previous level in December. The law now sets the exposure limit at 50 millisieverts per year, or a five-year total of 100 millisieverts.

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Execution. Somali militants put trio of suspected spies to death

Somalia's most powerful militant group publicly executed three of its members Sunday, saying the trio had spied on the militants for the U.S. and British intelligence agencies.

Al-Shabab said the three men were CIA and MI6 informants, and were the reason several drone attacks killed leaders from the group.

Mohamed Jama, a resident in the coastal town of Merca, said that dozens of masked fighters tied up the three men and killed them by firing squad.

A self-proclaimed militant judge gave the death penalty order. Hundreds of residents were forced to watch and many of them vomited after the killings, Jama said.

"The execution and the verdict were quick and dirty. It was gruesome to watch," he said. "The men instantly died after their bodies were riddled by bullets."

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said he was not aware of the executions, but that in general the U.S. does not comment on intelligence matters.

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Accusations of spying

Al-Shabab said on its official Twitter feed the three men "were part of a wide network of spies deployed by the British and American intelligence agencies" to spy on al-Shabab. The militant group said that Western powers can't co-ordinate airstrikes without relying on human intelligence.

Drug trade

Jamaican pot goes up in smoke

Nearly 6,795 kilograms of marijuana has gone up in smoke in Jamaica. The bonfire of seized drugs follows raids on marijuana-growing and trafficking operations on the Caribbean island launched since 2010. Police say the majority of the marijuana was seized this year.

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World

Turkish chopper crash kills four

A Turkish paramilitary helicopter crashed Sunday in a southeastern region where troops are fighting Kurdish rebels, killing four security personnel on board, officials said. Eight others were injured.

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Paterno statue removed, NCAA to set sanctions

People visit the Joe Paterno statue early Sunday in State College, Pa. The famed statue of Paterno was taken down from outside the Penn State football stadium Sunday morning. JOHN BEALE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Penn State scandal.

University tears down monument to famed coach as school awaits word on punishment

The famed statue of Joe Paterno was taken down from outside the Penn State football stadium Sunday as the NCAA announced it would be issuing sanctions against the university whose top officials were accused in a scathing report of burying child sex abuse allegations against a now-convicted retired assistant.

Workers lifted the seven-foot-tall statue off its base and used a forklift to move it into Beaver Stadium as 100 to 150 students watched, some chanting, "We are Penn State."

The university announced earlier Sunday that it was taking down the monument in the wake of an investigative report that found the late coach and three other top Penn State administrators concealed sex abuse claims against Jerry Sandusky. Sandusky was convicted last month of 45 counts of sexual abuse of 10 boys.

Meanwhile, the NCAA said that it would levy "corrective and punitive measures" against Penn State over the Sandusky scandal.

The organization announced Sunday that it would spell out the sanctions on Monday but disclosed no details.

NCAA President Mark Emmert hasn't ruled out the possibility of shutting down the Penn State football program in the wake of the scandal, adding that he had "never seen anything as egregious."

The Paterno family issued a statement only hours later saying the statue's removal "does not serve the victims of Jerry Sandusky's horrible crimes or help heal the Penn State community."

"We believe the only way to help the victims is to uncover the full truth," said the family, which vowed its own investigation following the release of the report by former FBI director Louis Freeh. The family called the report "the equivalent of an indictment." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

His family

Paterno's widow, Sue, and two of the Paternos' children visited the statue Friday as students and fans lined up to get their pictures taken.

- The statue, weighing more than 900 pounds, was built in 2001 in honour of Paterno's record-setting 324th Division I coaching victory.

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Few celebrate 3-year anniversary marking end of 'Great Recession'

Global recovery. Three years on and trillions spent, economies still fragile in U.S. and Europe, and Canada's position is deceiving

Few are noting the occasion, but about now Canada and the rest of the world should be celebrating the third anniversary marking the end of the Great Recession.

It was in the third quarter of 2009 — the July-September months — that Canada and many other major advanced nations began to breathe a little easier in the knowledge they had peered into the economic abyss and somehow survived.

At separate stock-taking events last week, U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and the International Monetary Fund each had different versions of the same message — the global economy still hangs by a thread, growth is painfully slow and full employment is years away.

Europe is suffering through a Japan-style lost decade.

Canadians have been told repeatedly they have done better than most, and the message has become the reality.

France's L'Express magazine last week declared Canada No. 1 in a cover story, encouraging readers to pack up and head to the promised land.

The reality is a little more nuanced, though Canada looks awfully good next to much of Europe, which is now expected to be in recession the rest of the year. But even in Canada, things might have turned out better. The first full year of recovery saw the output expand by an acceptable 3.2 per cent, but slow to 2.4 per cent in 2011. Depending on the forecast, it will likely slow further to between 1.5 and 2.1 per cent this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aiming for average

On a per-capita basis, Canadians are still not back to where they were before the 2008-09 crisis.

- Per-capita GDP in inflation-adjusted dollars peaked at $40,015.79 in the fourth quarter of 2007, and had only returned to $39,648.11 in the first quarter this year.

Technology

Lab working on security shoe

A new lab at Carnegie Mellon University is working on shoe insoles that monitor access to high-security areas, like nuclear power plants.

The idea is based on research showing that people have unique feet and ways of walking. Sensors in the footpad collect data and check the patterns.

One expert says the technology could raise privacy questions.

Attorney Lee Tien with the Electronic Frontier Foundation says it's a potential tracking device.
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Beyond coffee

Starbucks juiced with Evolution

Starbucks on Friday will announce the opening of three more Evolution Fresh Inc. juice stores, in addition to the one it opened earlier this year.

The Seattle-based company is also expanding distribution of ready-to-drink bottles of Evolution juice in stores to capitalize on the rapidly growing market for premium juices.

The move is just Starbucks' latest push to move beyond its cafes at a time when the company is facing growing competition from fast food chains that serve specialty coffees.
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Eurozone. Germany saves billions as safe haven for investors amid crisis

Germany has emerged as one of the biggest beneficiaries of the European financial crisis.

The bond markets have demanded that countries such as Italy and Spain pay prohibitively high borrowing costs to sell their debt amid worries over their sluggish economies and creaking government finances. Such high interest rates will burden these countries' state coffers for years to come.

Financially healthy Germany, meanwhile, has secured billions of euros in debt at record-low — sometimes negative — interest rates.

Germany has long been seen as a safe bet. It is Europe's biggest economy and is the biggest single contributor to eurozone rescue funds, with a gross domestic product of $3.17 trillion US. The country's economy has grown steadily in the past two years and, with quarter-on-quarter GDP growth of 0.5 per cent, prevented the eurozone as a whole from sliding into recession in this year's first quarter.
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Germany is the biggest single contributor to eurozone rescue funds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Murdoch retreats

Media mogul Rupert Murdoch, pictured entering the News Corp. building in New York last year, has resigned as a director of a number of News Corp. subsidiary boards in Britain and the United States, a spokeswoman confirmed Saturday. The announcement suggests that Murdoch may be distancing himself from his British newspaper interests, which have been shaken to the core by a widespread phone-hacking scandal. LOUIS LANZANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

StatsCan. Inflation rate rises to 1.5 % in June, consumer prices stable

Canada's annual inflation rate rose slightly to 1.5 per cent last month, but most consumer prices stayed well in check and there were few signs of building-cost pressures in any region of the country.

Statistics Canada said increases in the price of passenger vehicles, electricity, food, and homeowners' replacement costs were mostly responsible for June's slightly higher rate, which was up three-tenths of a point from May.

Economists had actually projected an even greater uptick given May's extremely low reading of 1.2 per cent.

But they also cautioned that most of the increase would be temporary, caused by unusual base-effects from a year earlier when gas prices were receding and auto dealers launched an aggressive program of discounting. The agency noted that discounting occurred this June as well — with car prices 2.7 per cent lower than they were a month earlier — but less so than a year earlier.

As well, gasoline prices continued to trend downwards this June by 3.2 per cent from May, but not as sharply as last year at this time.
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Expensive electricity

5.9%

The key standout in Friday's report was that the cost of electricity rose by 5.9 per cent from last year, with most of the increases in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia.

FORD HAS IT RIGHT ON SOCIAL PROGRAMS — ALMOST

URBAN COMPASS
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In the wake of last week's senseless tragedy on Danzig Street, Toronto has been looking for answers.

In addition to the standard responses calling for more police funding and tougher prison sentences, community groups and some politicians have pointed to the need for more community support. They want more funding for outreach programs in the areas most impacted by gun violence.

Mayor Rob Ford doesn't much like this kind of talk. He's been relentless in his response to questions about social programs this week, always returning to the same sound bite: "The best social program is a job."

And here's the thing: he's not wrong.

Countless studies have shown that unemployment and poverty are major factors that lead to increased violent crime. A report on the risk factors for gang violence endorsed by the United States Department of Justice noted that "employment was associated with a general reduction in youths' criminal activity." In that sense, the mayor's equation holds: more jobs equals less crime.

But let's extend the logic further. The conditions for employment don't just appear in a dramatic puff of smoke. What does creating jobs in today's economy actually take?

First, it takes infrastructure. Lack of mobility is a huge factor affecting low-income people in their ability to find and hold well-paying jobs. If you look at this city's transit system in relation to the 13 priority neighbourhoods, it's obvious that most of those areas are poorly served by transit.

Beyond that, look to childcare. Even people with decent pay cheques groan about the cost of daycare spaces in this city, and funding for subsidized spots is under constant threat. Single parents can't work if they can't find someone to look after their children.

Then there's education. In the past, medium-wage jobs that didn't require specialized training could be created by opening a factory or two. We don't see many factories in Toronto these days. The new jobs being created often require more than a high school diploma. Employers are looking for applicants with post-secondary training, which doesn't come cheap.

There's more to consider. Look to recreation programs that keep youth busy and engaged. Build affordable housing that doesn't have holes in the walls. Foster a business environment that doesn't overtax on retail spaces and provides pathways to legitimate entrepreneurship. Create cultural incentives to spur creativity and identify talent. Be proactive.

Last week, Ford derisively referred to outreach efforts as "hug-a-thug programs." He's way off base. This isn't about throwing a bunch of money at the problem. Instead, it's about identifying barriers and investing in improvements.

The mayor almost has it right when he says the best social program is a job. But he's skipping a step. The best social programs are the ones that help people get jobs.

Civilians speak to the police on July 17 near the scene of a shooting on Danzig Street where two people were confirmed dead at an outdoor barbecue that took place the day before. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The running of the brides

DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

On your mark ...

It's as if they are racing to the altar

Brides prepare for a race in central Belgrade, Serbia, on Sunday.

The winner and two runners-up of the Bridal Race, organized by a local magazine, receive numerous awards and the wedding gown they chose to race in.

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A runaway bride's footwear.

Bride wars

50

About 50 women took part in the event, which was a 150-metre sprint through Belgrade's streets.

Just run with it

Just as Spain has the Running of the Bulls, Serbia has the running of the brides every year.

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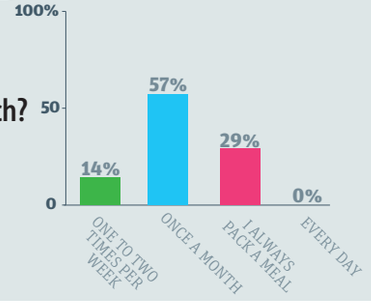

Twitter

@Jason_To: Adam Scott smiled and cool after just losing the #BritishOpen. Classy guy all the way!

@jellisaBaby: Sad to say the violence in Toronto is only getting worse.

@ahussaa: Brunch with my mommy in the distillery district! <3

@baaaabe: well that was a blowout series #Blue-Jays

@RyanRJBonner: Love it #bluejays Keep doin' what you're doin'!

@AllyyMauricio: So much violence goin in nowadays :$ damn

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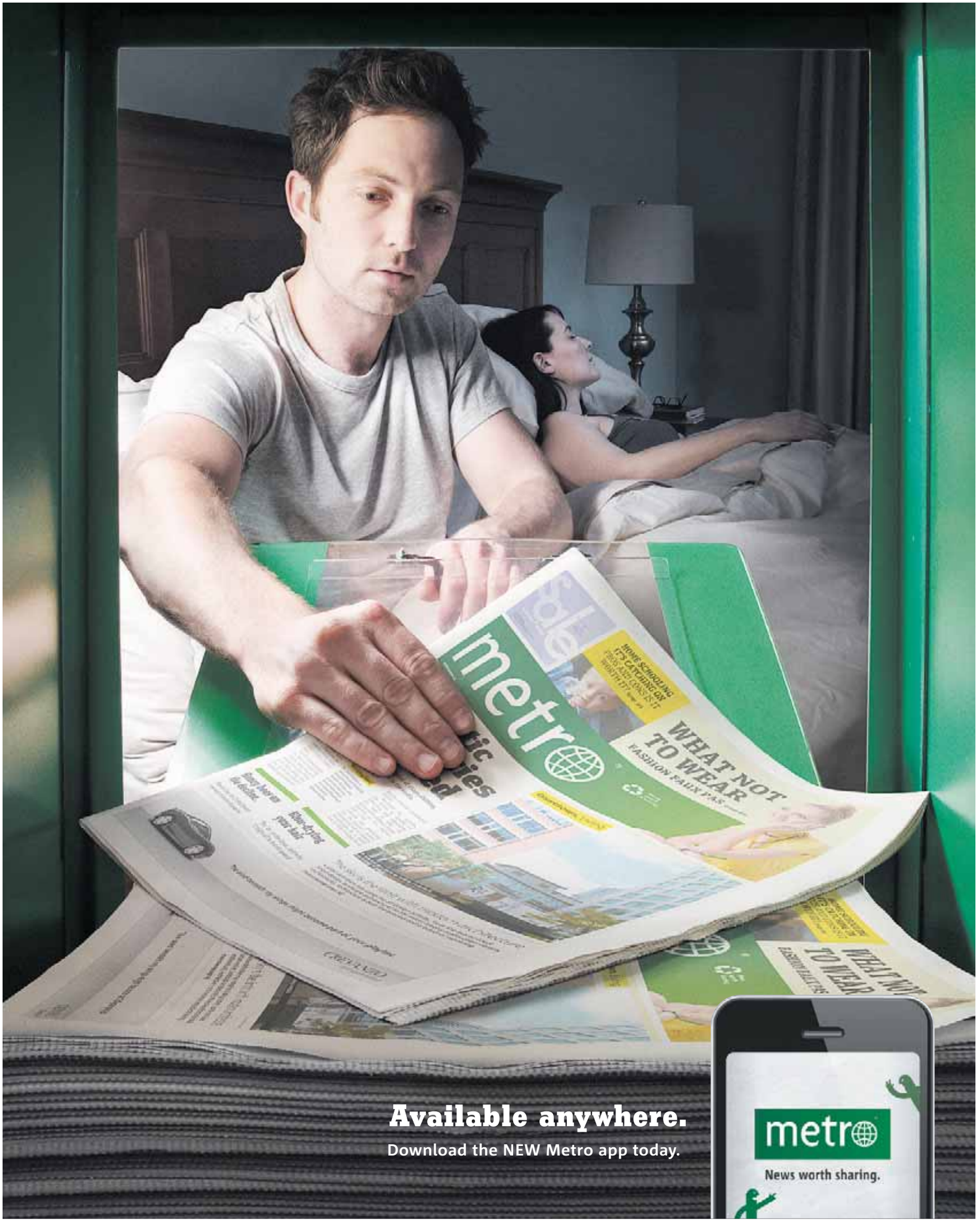
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The 20-year itch

Unwilling to start collecting dust in the seat crack of pop music, a spate of bands whose heydays are a couple decades in the rear view are back with a vengeance. Hollaback No Doubt, Garbage, Cranberries, and I Mother Earth, and, not to be left out of the fold, The Backstreet Boys, are once again back in the spotlight.

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Backstreet Boys

Heyday: 1996-2000

Kevin, AJ, Brian, Howie, and Nick are back alright…but are they still everything you need? While the aging heartthrobs released a pair of albums in Kevin's absence, '07s Unbreakable and '09s This is Us, the band's core audience has been inconsolable since the oft-goateed member left. The reunion kicks off August 31 with a free concert in Central Park. A new album and a full-scale tour set for spring of next year is also in the works. Fans who can't wait that long to get their fix of returning singer Kevin Richardson can hunt down a pair of indie flicks he starred in this year: The Casserole Club, a wife-swapping drama set in the 1960s, and The Bloody Indulgent, a vampire musical.

Signature Songs: I Want it That Way, Show me the Meaning, As Long as You Love Me

The Cranberries

Heyday: 1993-1999

This Limerick-Ireland-based quartet hadn't released a studio album since 2001, and fans were missing their lush and lilting brand of poignant sonic dreamscapes. Seamlessly alternating between sweet "di, do-do doo" lullabies and more attitudinally tart fare, the Cranberries are at their best when they temper their melodic sweetness with notes of sour anguish. The band sticks to their knitting on 2012's Roses, re-teaming with their original producer Stephen Street to recapture their magic. During their downtime, singer Dolores O'Riordan dropped a pair of solo albums and lead guitarist Noel Hogan delved into electronica starting up Monoband, which spun into the side project's current incarnation, Arkitekt. Since reconvening, the Cranberries have been busy busting out tunes on the road and will be on a European swing this coming fall with stops from Bucharest to Barcelona and many points between.

Signature Songs: Dreams, Linger, Zombie

Garbage

Heyday: 1995-2001

With a name that gives a wry wink at the disposable nature of pop music, Garbage, assembled by Butch Vig (the super producer behind Nirvana's Nevermind), and a couple of his rock-vet pals, was originally a side project. Tapping Angelfish singer Shirley Manson to front the band made them one of the decade's steamiest acts. After seven years of hibernation following the underrated Bleed Like Me, Garbage returned with the nostalgia-mining Not Your Kind of People. Garbage's new material recycles the post-Grunge underpinnings of their self-titled debut and melds it with the spit-shined polish of their sophomore release Version 2.0 to create a vital new sound. During their self imposed exile pouty-lipped Manson stole scenes as a chilly yet sexy liquid metal Terminator in FOX's The Sarah Connor Chronicles while Vig earned himself a Grammy producing Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown.

Signature Songs: Only Happy When It Rains, Stupid Girl, I Think I'm Paranoid

I Mother Earth

Heyday: 1993-1999

After an eight-year layoff since disbanding in the aftermath of 2003's The Quicksilver Meat Dream, IME was resurrected when they took the stage at Toronto's Sound Academy this past March for a pair of sold out shows. Bryan Byrnes, who took over from Edwin on 1999's Blue Green Orange, is back behind the mic and the Tanna brothers Christian and Jagori unleashing the band's beefy sonic onslaught on drums and guitar while Bruce Gordon checks back in on bass. The new single We Got the Love is a hard rocking, high-wattage pick-me-up that stands up to the band's most loved hits and longtime fans are lapping it up. With fellow mid-90s Canadian alt-rock radio regulars Treble Charger and Tea Party also recently getting their acts back together we smell a formidable triple bill in the near future.

Signature Songs: Levitate, One More Astronaut, Another Sunday

No Doubt

Heyday: 1992-2001

Ska-revivalists No Doubt rocked steady throughout the 1990s but haven't jammed on new material in over a decade. Settle Down, the first single of their upcoming album Push and Shove, is a bouncy tour de force produced by Diplo (Beyoncé, M.I.A) charged by waves of Caribbean dancehall and frontwoman Gwen Stefani's infectiously perky pop-vocals. Since they've been gone the platinum blonde singer has released a pair of well-received solo albums, started a couple of fashion labels in L.A.M.B. and Harajuku Lovers, and gave birth to her two sons Kingston and Zuma. Bottle blonde bassist Tony Kanal also kept busy producing and laying down tracks with the likes of Pink and Weezer.

Signature Songs: Just a Girl, Don't Speak, Hey Baby

Ricky Martin. Singer loving the Broadway life

Ricky Martin says Broadway is a monster that requires discipline, concentration and dedication, but Evita's Che is feeling so happy and so at home that he can't imagine moving for a while. In an interview at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square, New York, which houses the musical based on the life of Argentina's first lady Eva Peron, Martin said he's never been challenged as much as in the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber spectacle and that this is, precisely, what has him "hooked" on Broadway, where he debuted in 1996 as Marius in Les Miserables. Martin has already decided to stay in the Big Apple at least for a while, calling it a "fascinating" and multicultural city for his soon-to-be-twins, Matteo and Valentino.

You were born for the stage and certainly for one on Broadway. Any immediate plans to work on other musicals or plays after Evita?

I love being onstage. I love what's happening with Evita. The reaction that I get every night from the audience, the emotions, the feeling, what I'm feeling every night onstage is, is simply beautiful. It's never the same, you never get bored, it's very challenging. Do I want to come back to Broadway? I would love to do Broadway the rest of my life! Because it's challenging, because it makes me grow as an actor, as an entertainer, as an artist, and that's what I need, that's what I'm hooked on.

Would you consider staying here in New York?

I AM staying here in New York! Those are my plans. Anything can change in show business, you know how it goes, everything changes from one day to the other. But my idea is to stay here for a while.

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Scene in brief

Studios silent on box office brags

A Warner Bros. executive emailed a fact sheet about The Dark Knight Rises to Hollywood reporters a few days ago and ended with two hopeful syllables for the film's box-office prospects: "Ka ching." Cash registers have indeed been ringing at theatres worldwide this weekend as millions shell out for the finale to Christopher Nolan's epic Batman trilogy. But the shootings that left 12 dead and 58 wounded at a Dark Knight Rises screening in Colorado on Friday have silenced the usual box-office crowing by studios to let the world know they've unleashed another blockbuster. Warner, the studio behind the Batman flicks, decided to hold off on releasing debut numbers for The Dark Knight Rises this weekend out of respect to the shooting victims and their families. Other studios followed suit, saying that like Warner, they would not issue their usual Sunday estimates, waiting instead until Monday, when they normally release final dollar counts for the weekend. There's no doubt that The Dark Knight Rises will be the No. 1 film in America and beyond. Before Warner opted against weekend box-office reporting, the studio announced that the film took in $30.6 million domestically from shows that started just after midnight Friday.

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On the web

PBS gives Downton Abbey season 3 sneak peek

‘We are going to ... exist in this weather’

Onstage. Actors recall memories about performing in outdoor theatre productions

Watching Shakespeare outdoors has become a tradition for many Canadian theatregoers, from The Bard on the Beach in Vancouver to Saskatoon’s Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan and Halifax’s Shakespeare by the Sea.

Toronto’s Shakespeare in High Park is celebrating its 30th anniversary this summer. But a night of theatre in the great outdoors is not always a walk in the park for the actors and audiences.

Mark Crawford, an outdoor theatre veteran who is currently starring in Shakespeare in High Park’s production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream, calls performing outdoors a “very different experience.”

“Our green room is a tent and we have a hammock and there’s a barbecue backstage,” the 30-year-old actor said during a recent interview.

“There are trailers as our dressing rooms and they’re really cramped quarters.”

When actors receive the 30-minute call to show time, Crawford and his co-stars rush to a shed where they share a single sink to wash their faces and brush their teeth.

The weather ultimately determines whether or not the show will go on (heavy rain or lightning can cause cancellations), but Crawford said the actors take specific steps to combat the elements.

“We have a lot of Gatorade in our fridge and people from the theatre company will deliver boxes of ice cream sandwiches and Popsicles,” he said. “There are jugs of water everywhere, bug spray and sunscreen everywhere.”

Actors perform in Shakespeare in High Park’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream. CHRIS GALLOW/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Details

- Shakespeare in High Park performances run from Tuesday to Sunday until Sept. 2.

And while the actors are sweating it out during the performances, so too are the audiences.

“Audiences are there, they are ready to go and they have their snacks, drinks, sunscreen and bug spray,” said Crawford. “One family came with a tent because they didn’t want to get bit by mosquitoes.”

Regular audience member Margarita Ortisi, 38, has been watching the plays in High Park for more than three years and says she packs an umbrella for the occasional rainy evening.

“Still, the show goes on and it’s cozy,” she said. “We have our blankets, we sit on the grass, we bring our picnic goods. It’s our favourite thing to do.”

Cassandra Petropoulos, 12, said she’s had good luck with the weather while watching summer shows in High Park, but other actors and audiences aren’t so lucky.

Long-time outdoor theatre performer Dawn Petten, 38, has performed in winter shows with the Caravan Farm Theatre in Armstrong, B.C. and says performing in cold weather is a difference experience entirely.

“We had to cancel one show when it was minus 25 degrees,” she said.

During the winter performances, Petten said her costumes were fitted with up to 11 layers to keep warm. The added padding caused a balance problem when she was performing in King Lear and fell while hiking down the theatre company hill.

“Because I was wearing so many layers, I somersaulted down the hill,” she recalled. “My two sisters in the play had to yank me up from the snow.”

But despite the elements involved in outdoor theatre, Petten said that actors and audiences remain largely undaunted.

“They are game,” she said.

“It’s the Canadian spirit. We are going to absolutely exist in this weather. We’re not going to get beaten down by it.”

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Mariah Carey eyes judges role on Idol

With Mariah Carey rumored to be close to signing on as a new judge for American Idol, the last remaining judge for the reality singing competition wants to make it clear that he isn't going anywhere.

While serving as guest host on The View last week, Randy Jackson announced that he is not leaving American Idol, despite speculation he might be following Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler, who recently left the show.

"Steven and Jennifer are truly two of the most talented and consummate professionals I've worked with," Jackson recently told Gossip Cop about his co-workers' departure. "I was friends with them before we hopped on this crazy journey together and I have no doubt our friendships will continue long after." Jackson's statement still leaves open the possibility that he'll move from the judges' table to a mentorship role on the show, leading to a completely new panel of judges.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Group going Gaga over her gay ways

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Pop stars can't catch a break today from the crazies.

The Florida Family Association is blaming Lady Gaga's hit single Born This Way and the singer's charitable foundation of the same name for encouraging teens to feel like worthwhile humans.

"Born This Way sends an irresponsible message to many teens who would have eventually chose to be straight," says the organization's website. "Thousands of kids who might have otherwise worked through their pubescent sexual identity issues (to) be inspired to accept the wrong choice based upon (her) unscientific, emotionally charged propaganda,"

The group is also encouraging followers to boycott retail chain Office Depot for donating $1 million to the Born This Way foundation.

No, guys — just no.

Although we do worry she sends an irresponsible message to the many teens who would have eventually chose not to wear a dress made from decapitated Muppets.

Usher struggles with stepson's death

R&B singer Usher is mourning the death of his 11-year-old stepson, Kyle Glover, who succumbed to injuries suffered in a jet ski accident earlier this month, according to TMZ.

Glover was riding on an inner tube being towed by a motor boat when a family friend's jet ski collided with him on Lake Lanier, Atlanta, Ga.

The boy was hospitalized and declared brain dead shortly after.

Usher.

Twitter

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Athletes at the Olympics are being issued 15 condoms each. Or as the men's table tennis players put it, "14 condoms too many."

Holmes making return to Broadway

Katie Holmes is wasting no time getting back to work after he divorce drama with Tom Cruise — starting with a return to Broadway.

Holmes is slated to star in Smash creator Theresa Rebeck's new play, Dead Accounts, according to Us Weekly. The play will open this fall at New York's Music Box Theatre.

Katie Holmes

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Her husband donated sperm

Families. ...to a lesbian couple, and that's fine by her, says one mom

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One lesbian couple accepts a sperm donation from a family friend. THINKSTOCK

Alana's husband had never donated sperm before. Although the mother of three had contemplated egg donation from time-to-time, her husband had never considered the opportunity to help a family in need, both before their marriage and after.

But when the couple's friends Jennie and Susan watched yet another sperm donor fall through, Alana and her husband decided to present them with an offer.

Two years ago after Alana welcomed her third child, Jennie and Susan were approaching the year mark of a struggle to get pregnant. Many legal barriers prevented the aspiring mommies from even getting married, let alone becoming parents — a predicament that deeply touched both Alana and her husband.

After consulting a lawyer on waiving all parental rights, the couple approached Jennie and Susan with the chance to use "their" sperm.

"They were surprised and grateful because the area where we lived is very conservative and most of our mutual friends were either neutral to their struggle or privately against it," Alana remembers.

The ladies didn't just hop at any sperm sample though.

Quoted

"An anonymous sperm donor had never appealed to the couple and the idea of reaching out to friends with similar values greatly interested them."

Only after some questioning about her husband's health and family medical history — which included no major genetic diseases — did the two mommies green light the idea. An anonymous sperm donor had never appealed to the couple and the idea of reaching out to friends who shared similar values greatly interested them. A sparkling family medical history and Alana's three healthy children ultimately had the two women consenting to expand their family with her husband's sperm.

She describes Jennie and her partner as being "very open" to both Alana and her family having limited involvement with the hypothetical child, hashing out potential visits and the routine sending of photos.

The "crunchy, natural lifestyle" ladies were adamant about attempting a more "organic" method for conception before going the IVF route. Upon removing heterosexual sex from the table, the soon-to-be mommies decided on at-home insemination and asked Alana's husband to deposit a sperm sample in a sterile cup at their home. Within the next hour, the couple used a sterile medical syringe, similar to what is used with infants, inside Susan. Although the couple was prepared to go through five rounds of at-home insemination before trying more conventional approaches, the mothers conceived on their second round — a rarity for their preferred method. Susan and Jennie eventually welcomed a baby girl.

"Jennie and Susan are two of the most loving, awesome people we have ever met and if anyone deserved to be mothers it was them. My husband and I both feel honoured and touched that we could be a part of helping them realize their dream of being parents," Alana tells Mommyish. "But in the end they are her mommies and my husband and I are just family friends."

Health

Whooping cough rising

The U.S. appears to be headed for its worst year for whooping cough in more than five decades, with the number of cases rising at an epidemic rate that experts say may reflect a problem with the effectiveness of the vaccine.

Nearly 18,000 cases have been reported so far — more than twice the number seen at this point last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. At this pace, the number for the entire year will be the highest since 1959, when 40,000 illnesses were reported.

Nine children have died, and health officials called on adults — especially pregnant women and those who spend time around children — to get a booster shot as soon as possible.

Whooping cough has generally been increasing for years, but this year's spike is startling. Health investigators are trying to figure out what's going on, and theories include better detection and reporting of cases, some sort of evolution in the bacteria that cause the illness, or shortcomings in the vaccine.

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First peanuts, now eggs

Doctors are working on reversing egg allergies in kids and teens. ISTOCK

Doctors have reversed allergies in some children and teens by giving them tiny daily doses of problem foods, gradually training their immune systems to accept them.

In the best test of this yet, about a dozen kids were able to overcome allergies to eggs, one of the most ubiquitous foods, lurking in everything from pasta and veggie burgers to mayonnaise and even marshmallows. Some of the same doctors used a similar approach on several kids with peanut allergies a few years ago.

Don't try this yourself, though. It takes special products, a year or more and close supervision because severe reactions remain a risk, say doctors involved in the study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"This experimental therapy can safely be done only by properly trained physicians," says a statement from Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the federal agency that sponsored the study.

It didn't work for everyone, and some dropped out of the study because of allergic reactions. But the results "really do show there is promise for future treatment" and should be tested now in a wider group of kids, said the study's leader, Dr. A. Wesley Burks, pediatrics chief at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Training a child's immune system to tolerate even small amounts of egg to prevent a major reaction was the study's goal. It enrolled 55 children ages five to 18. Forty were given tiny daily amounts of powdered egg white, the part that usually causes the allergy. The other 15 were given a dummy treatment for comparison. The amounts were increased every two weeks until kids in the treatment group were eating about one third of an egg each day.

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On the Web

Watch out, Tim Hortons: Canadians getting hooked on single-serve coffee machines

Go wild for Wild Mushroom Risotto sans all the calories

Wild Mushroom Risotto with Parmesan and Asparagus

This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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I love risottos but the restaurant versions are loaded with butter, cream or cheese. This risotto is easy to make and has little fat and few calories by comparison (4.9 g of fat and 196 calories per serving).

For a more elegant risotto, try using truffle oil.

1. Lightly coat saucepan with cooking spray, add oil and set over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic, and sauté 5 mins. or until onions are just tender and lightly browned. Add the mushrooms and sauté for about 8 minutes or until the mushrooms are no longer wet.

2. Add arborio rice and sauté 1 minute. Add 1 cup of the stock and simmer until the stock has just been absorbed. Continue adding 1/2 cup stock at a time, stirring until absorbed; repeat until all the stock has been used (about 20 minutes in total). Add the chopped asparagus with the last 2 cups of stock and cook until the asparagus is tender-crisp, about 3 minutes, and the liquid is absorbed.

3. Add all but 2 tbsp of the grated Parmesan cheese, the salt and pepper and mix well. Garnish with the remaining Parmesan and the basil. Serve warm. **ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)**

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- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
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A new line of duty: Former cop reaches out by writing his way to recovery

Success in sobriety. Gary Rubie has penned a book to help those out there in pain

THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
Teresa Kruze
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As a police officer with 25 years of service, Gary Rubie dealt with suicides, assaults, homicides, armed robberies and the murders of 15 police officers. The work-related trauma took its toll and Rubie started to experience nightmares and overwhelming depression. He ended up addicted to alcohol and pain killers.

Gary was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and got help. He started to write about his experiences and was eventually encouraged to put his stories and poems into a book called Out On a Cliff.

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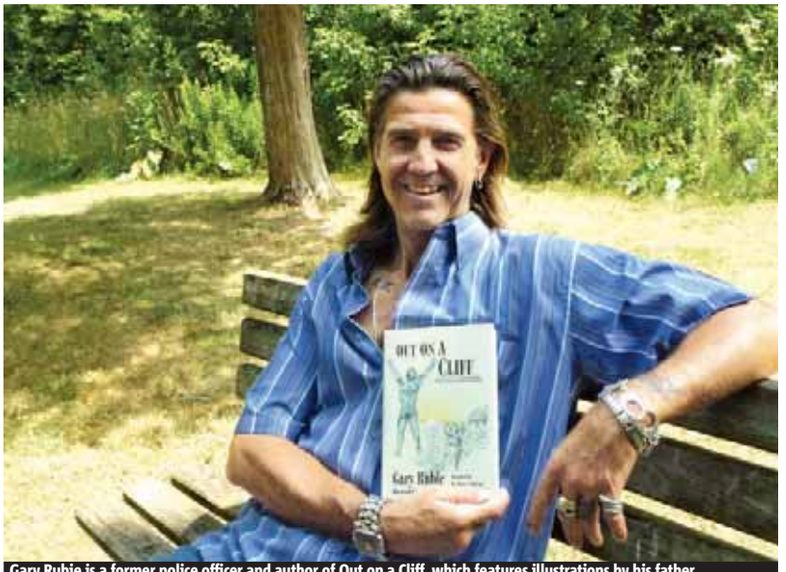

Gary Rubie is a former police officer and author of Out on a Cliff, which features illustrations by his father, Henk Rubie. KIRSTYN RUBIE

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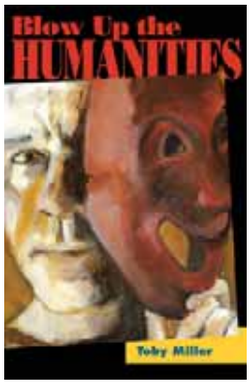

Toby Miller's latest book is his most confrontational, polemic piece of writing to date. In Blow Up the Humanities — which will be released by Temple University Press in August — the longtime author and media studies professor skewers his own field, painting humanities departments as antiquated relics with an overtly class-conscious agenda.

"It used to be that you couldn't get into Yale unless you were proficient in ancient Greek. The idea was that they would produce 'cultivated gentlemen who would be leaders of the country.' Eventually they dropped classical languages as the core and turned toward English literature and so on," says Miller, who is the chair of the media and cultural studies program at the University of California, Riverside.

"At the same time the big land-grant universities were looking for a much more applied form of humanities. ... That's why if you go to the University of Michigan or Illinois, you learn speech communication — but if you go to Yale or Harvard, you learn English literature."

Pupils of the past

"It used to be that you couldn't get into Yale unless you were proficient in ancient Greek."
Author Toby Miller

Pointing to a downward trend in student engagement, research and publication opportunities, Miller proposes a decidedly practical curriculum focused on the job skills most students need.

"Whether you work in PR or Metro, Greenpeace or Coca-Cola, you need to know how to design a webpage, the basics of narrative art, how software and hardware work and the conditions of labour in those areas," says Miller. "I'm looking for something that's very applied, in the way business is, but also has a critical edge, dealing with questions of labour and the environment, and not just how you can make a buck and become a corporate boss."

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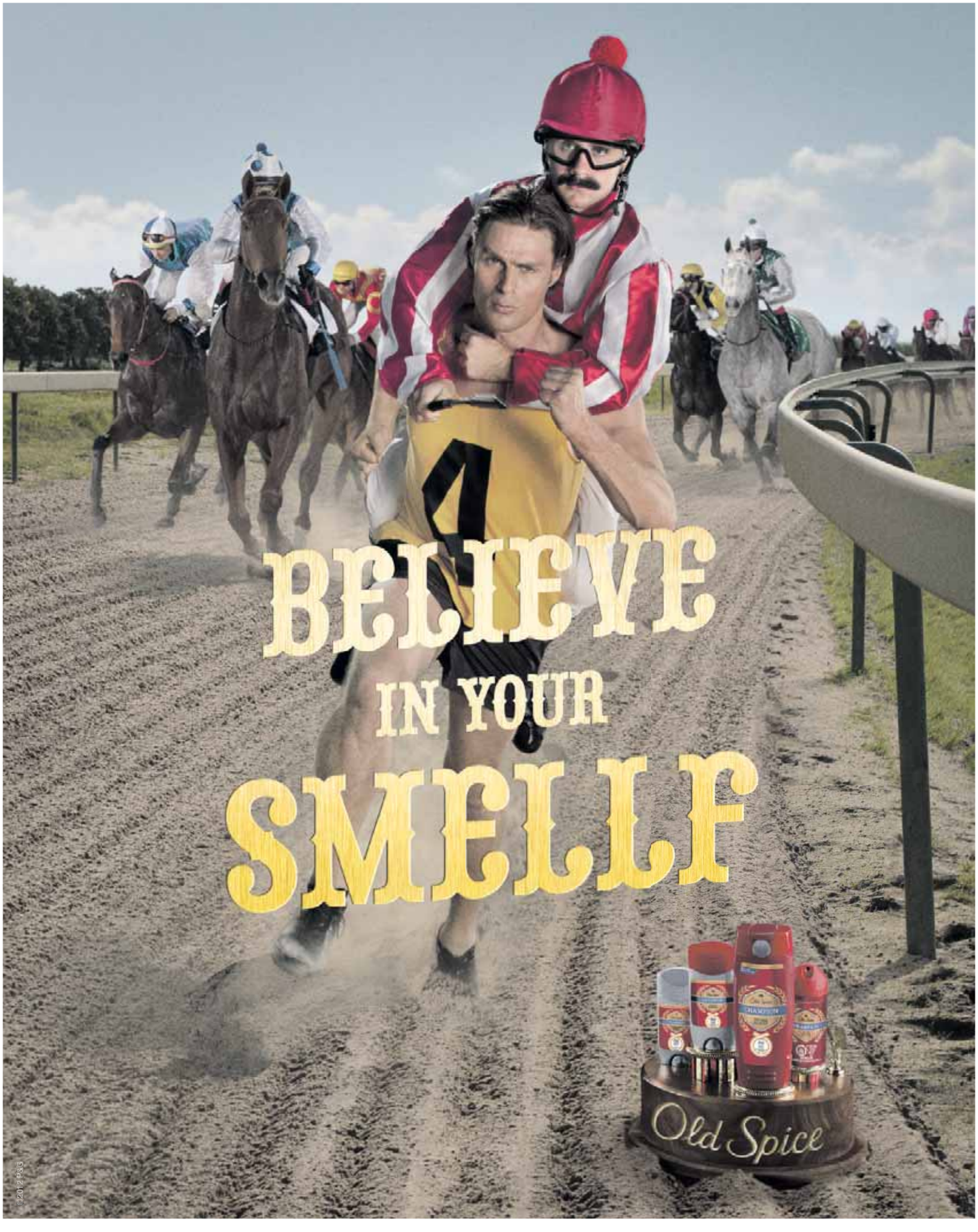
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MLB

Jays complete sweep of Red Sox

Brett Lawrie hit the game's first pitch for one of Toronto's four homers and the Blue Jays tagged Jon Lester for a career-worst 11 runs in a 15-7 victory that completed a three-game sweep over the Boston Red Sox on Sunday.

J.P. Arencibia, Rajai Davis and Travis Snider also homered for the Blue Jays.

Toronto (48-47) posted a season high for runs and climbed out of the AL East cellar, moving a half-game ahead of the Red Sox (48-48). The Blue Jays matched their season high with 18 hits.

Henderson Alvarez (6-7) pitched 5 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs.

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Motor racing

Castroneves gets breakthrough in Edmonton

After four years of frustration, Helio Castroneves finally broke through Sunday and won the Edmonton Indy.

The Brazilian racer beat frontrunner Alex Tagliani out of the final pit stop, took the lead, and held off Japan's Takuma Sato by less than a second for the checkered flag at the City Centre Airport.

Will Power, Castroneves' Penske teammate, was third, 5.4 seconds off the pace.

For Castroneves, it was a big weight off his shoulders in the Alberta capital.

He had finished second three times in the last four races in Edmonton. In 2010 he took the checkered flag only to be stripped of the win for blocking Power.

"It's my second win here — but today it counts," said the 37-year-old from Sao Paulo.

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Helio Castroneves celebrates at the IndyCar race Sunday in Edmonton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ernie Els holds up the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championship at Royal Lytham and St Annes golf club Sunday in England.
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Easy does it: Els takes Open title

Golf. Australian Adam Scott implodes on final four holes while Els plays perfect back nine

Quoted

"I'm going to try and come and see you this evening. I'm supposed to go to Canada but I think I'm going to blow that thing off."

In his victory speech, Ernie Els said that he planned to visit his family in London. His quip about skipping the Canadian Open sent staff scrambling to try to confirm he was coming. They could not confirm, though the South African said in his speech he would try to get to Canada on Tuesday.

Ernie Els felt something special could happen at the British Open, and it did.

All because of a collapse by Adam Scott that no one foresaw.

Four shots ahead with four holes to play — after eight straight holes with nothing worse than par — Scott bogeyed them all and had to fight back tears on the 18th green Sunday as the magnitude of his meltdown began to sink in.

Els, nicknamed "Big Easy" for his relaxed style, started the final round six shots behind, but finished off a flawless back nine with a 15-foot birdie putt for a two-under 68 that looked as if it would do little more than lock up another runner-up finish at Royal Lytham and St. Annes. Instead, he wound up with his second British Open — the other one was 10 years ago at Muirfield — and fourth major championship.

"Amazing," Els said. "I'm still numb. It still hasn't set in. It will probably take quite a few days because I haven't been in this position for 10 years, obviously. So it's just crazy, crazy, crazy getting here."

The celebration was muted, unlike his other three majors.

"First of all, I feel for Adam Scott. He's a great friend of mine," Els said. "Obviously, we both wanted to win very badly. But you know, that's the nature of the beast. That's why we're out here. You win, you lose. It was my time for some reason."

Scott said: "I had it in my hands with four to go. I managed to hit a poor shot on each of the closing four holes. Look, I played so beautifully for most of the week. I shouldn't let this bring me down.

"I can't justify anything that I've done out there. I didn't finish the tournament well today. But next time — I'm sure there will be a next time, and I can do a better job of it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tour de France. Wiggins blazes trail for British cycling

Twenty-three years ago, Bradley Wiggins marvelled as Greg LeMond blazed a trail as America's first Tour de France winner. Now, he has blazed his own.

The 32-year-old from gritty northwest London became Britain's first winner of cycling's greatest race on Sunday, ending a 75-year drought for his country with an imperial conquest of the roads in France.

Wiggins had locked up the yellow jersey a day earlier by winning the final time-trial and Sunday's ride onto the Champs-Élysées was largely ceremonial for him.

But putting the coveted shirt to work one last time, he added a touch of class by providing a lead out to Sky teammate and fellow Briton Mark Cavendish to get his third Tour stage victory — the 23rd of his career — in a sprint. The Isle of Man native is a main contender to win road-race gold at the Olympics in London, which has been a hovering presence over the peloton in this Tour.

Wiggins congratulated his teammates after crossing the line, hugged his wife, and clutched the hands of their two children. A soprano sang God Save the Queen, and Wiggins thanked the crowd with a touch of British humour.

"Cheers, have a safe journey home, don't get too drunk," he quipped.

"It's been a magical couple of weeks for the team and for British cycling," Wiggins said. "Some dreams come true. My mother over there ... her son has won the Tour de France."

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Bradley Wiggins leads teammate Mark Cavendish past the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs-Élysées Sunday in Paris. DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

4 SPORTS

MLB

"My inclusion in the Hall of Fame is the ultimate validation. I want to thank you all for helping me along the way."

Former Cincinnati Reds star Barry Larkin, who was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum on Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y. Larkin, who played his entire 19-year career with the Reds, retired after the 2004 season with a .295 career batting average, 2,340 hits, 1,329 runs scored and 379 stolen bases. The late Ron Santo, star third baseman for the Chicago Cubs and later a broadcaster for the team, was also inducted Sunday.

"This is not a sad day. This is a great day. I'm certain that Ronnie is celebrating right now."

Ron Santo's widow, Vicki

Mobile sports

LeBron James finally got his championship and Kevin Durant might be the NBA's brightest young star. But entering the twilight of his illustrious career, Kobe Bryant is the most sought-after personality when the U.S. Olympic basketball team heads overseas. Scan the code for the story.

Liverpool's new manager Brendan Rogers issues instructions during his team's game against Toronto FC Saturday at Rogers Centre. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rodgers focused on raising Liverpool's game

Soccer. Liverpool's new manager satisfied after 1-1 draw against Toronto FC Saturday

TAKARA SMALL
For Metro

New Liverpool boss Brendan Rodgers laughed and said "haven't got a clue," when asked where his team will finish in the English Premier League this coming season.

"All we can do is be as competitive as we can. My main concern is to build a squad that will make us as competitive as we can and hopefully we can do that over the coming months," added Rodgers.

The Northern Irishman's first game in charge of Liverpool was Saturday's 1-1 draw with a plucky Toronto FC side.

Toronto FC were in no way a pushover for the former giants of British and European football and stunned the visitors by scoring the first goal through new arrival Quincy Amarikwa's 58th minute strike, after a cagey and dull first half.

Liverpool — who were missing some of their star power, with England captain Steven Gerrard and star Uruguayan striker Luis Suárez among the list of absentees — were below par and fielded mostly a second-string side but levelled the score in the 69th minute when Liverpool youth team player Adam Morgan scored in his senior team debut after neat work on the wing from Raheem Sterling.

Liverpool FC's first of three games on their anticipated North American tour brought a mix of talented players from around the world to Canadian soil to help The Reds prepare for the upcoming Premier League season.

However, the game in Toronto wasn't all about the result, said former Swansea City manager Rodgers.

The exhibition game was a good opportunity for him to take a look at the youngsters who he hopes will help lead the team to a strong 2012/13 season.

"Today was a good exercise, what was most important for us was to improve our fitness and physical condition and we did that," said Rodgers.

It was the young players that impressed in the game.

New prospect, quick-footed winger Sterling stood out in the second half and contributed with the assist for Morgan's equalizer.

Rodgers felt the friendly had provided a good test for his side, particularly the youth players.

"Obviously Toronto are well into their season so they're in good condition, so it was a good examination for us and great for the young players to get the experience."

Veteran midfielder Joe Cole, when asked about Liverpool's prospects for the season ahead, said he is looking forward to the opening game on August 18, a trip to West Bromwich Albion. Cole rejoined the club after a loan spell with Lille in France.

"I think there's a lot of work to be done, but it feels like the club is moving in the right direction on all fronts," he said.

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"I think there's a lot of work to be done, but it feels like the club is moving in the right direction on all fronts."
Liverpool midfielder Joe Cole

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Gaining power from the past

Weightlifting. Medal contender Girard inspired by Canada's former strong-women

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"That's what I want to experience at the Olympics, that the world knows we are nice and polite in Canada but that doesn't mean we can't compete."
Canadian weightlifter Christine Girard

The heaviest thing on Christine Girard's shoulders at the Olympics may be the legacy left by the Canadian female weightlifters that came before her.

But it's not a burden that slows her down. It only adds extra inspiration for London.

Girard, who grew up in Rouyn-Noranda, Que., is thinking particularly of Maryse Turcotte, who competed for Canada in the 2000 and 2004 Summer Olympics and won gold in two Commonwealth Games and one Pan American Games before she retired.

"I have enormous respect for Maryse and for what she did," Girard said from White Rock, B.C., where she trains and lives with her husband and coach Walter Bailey. "She was one of the first to stand out at the international level.

"Maryse showed what it's possible to do, she dared to do it. I want to do the same thing and hope to push things further in the future."

Girard hopes to add to the history in London, where she will compete in the 63-kilogram event on July 31. If she makes the podium, she'll be the first Canadian woman to get an Olympic medal in that discipline.

The 27-year-old, who was born in Elliot Lake, Ont., is not discouraged by incidents of doping within her sport.

"They have their reasons and I know this is not always their choice as an athlete," she said of those who cheat. "My goal is to show that if you work hard you can beat the others. Maybe it takes more years of training to get to that point — for me, it's 17 years — but I honestly think it's possible."

Girard is on her way to proving her point. She lifted 135 kilograms in the clean-and-jerk in training earlier this year — tying the Olympic record — and recently hoisted 136 kilograms.

"I've spent years testing that every month," she said. "If I'm capable of doing that in training, then others can too."

Girard, who was fourth at the Beijing Games, holds the record in the snatch and in total weight in her class at the Commonwealth Games — 60 kilograms — and the Pan American Games (63 kilograms).

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Christine Girard of Canada competes at the Beijing Olympics in August 2008. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

Torch reaches new heights in London

Amelia Hempleman-Adams poses with the Olympic flame on top of a London Eye pod on the torch-relay leg through London on Sunday. Hempleman-Adams took the torch on a trip on the giant observation wheel on the south side of the River Thames, riding atop one of the Eye's viewing capsules as it slowly rotated. The 17-year-old Hempleman-Adams was the youngest person to ski to the South Pole last year. The Olympic flame continues its weeklong journey around London, after spending more than 60 days touring Britain. LEWIS WHYLD/LOCOG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Track-and-field. U.S.-born athletes make up most of Haiti's small Olympic squad

Four of Haiti's five Olympians at the London Games have something in common — they're not from Haiti.

With millions of Haitians living on $2 a day or less and hundreds of thousands of people rendered homeless by a devastating earthquake two years ago, the country struggles to produce world-class athletes. But those with Haitian links are eager to represent the small Caribbean country.

"I still feel Haitian even if I wasn't born there," 21-year-old sprinter Marlena Wesh said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Wesh, who will run the 200 and 400 metres at the Olympics, grew up in Virginia but her parents are from Haiti.

Besides having family ties to Haiti, the four foreign-born Olympians will be competing in track-and-field, including a former roommate of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Samyr Laine, a 28-year-old triple jumper from New York, roomed with Zuckerberg at Harvard.

He hopes to eventually form a non-profit group called the Jump for Haiti Foundation, a sports program to produce future Olympic athletes from the country. Laine said he plans to call on his friends, including his roommate-turned-billionaire, to donate a few dollars.

"I hope they see the merits of my cause," Laine said. "I will definitely try to reach out to Mark as well."

Moise Joseph, a 30-year-old 800-metre runner, and Jeffrey Julmis, a 28-year-old 100-metre hurdler, are also on the team. Haiti's lone homegrown Olympian is Linouse Desravine, a 21-year-old judoka.

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Samyr Laine will compete for Haiti in the triple jump. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Athletic infrastructure

Haiti does pose unusual challenges for athletes.

- Three of Haiti's five competitive running tracks house thousands of people in tents and shanties who were displaced by the January 2010 earthquake.
- The office of the Haitian Olympic Committee has a budget of $400,000. The U.S. Olympic Committee's budget is about $170 million US.

Libya

Released Olympic committee chief says kidnapping still a mystery

The president of Libya's Olympic Committee said hours after he returned home Sunday that his kidnapping remains a mystery but that authorities promised to investigate.

Committee chief Ahmed Nabil al-Taher al-Alam was released unharmed a week after unknown gunmen abducted him from his car in Tripoli.

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Basketball

Argentina gives U.S. early exhibition test

The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team wore the throwback uniforms of the 1992 Dream Team on Sunday. The Americans' play was much different.

Kevin Durant scored 27 points and the United States held on for a narrow 86-80 victory over Argentina in an exhibition game.

The Americans got off to a hot start but their lead was down to four with 2:50 left after Manu Ginobili's three-point play. But Durant and Chris Paul hit big three-pointers as the U.S. won after being pushed for the second time in its four exhibition games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Argentina's Pablo Prigioni dribbles past Kevin Durant on Sunday in Barcelona, Spain. GETTY IMAGES

Re-instatement

Baseball, softball agree to merge in bid to return to Olympics

Seven years after they were cut from the games, baseball and softball have agreed to merge into a single international federation in a joint bid to return to the Olympics.

The two sports, which were last played at the 2008 Beijing Games, each failed in separate attempts to win reinstatement for the 2012 and 2016 Olympics.

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Social media

"Didn't think it would get mass headlines. It was an innocent tweet."

U.S. hurdler Kerron Clement, who caused a social-media stir in London. He was less than complimentary in his tweet last week after a bus taking athletes to the village had a hard time finding its destination. He let his feelings be known on Twitter.

"Um, so we've been lost on the road for 4hrs. Not a good first impression London."

Clement's tweet

Heptathlon

Injuries force Sweden's Kluft to withdraw from London Games

Swedish long jumper Carolina Kluft says she won't compete at the London Olympics, because of a hamstring injury.

The former Olympic and world heptathlon champion told Swedish tabloid Expressen she sees no point in going to London after the injury forced her to pull out of a competition in Finland.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	57	37	.606	—
Baltimore	51	44	.537	6½
Tampa Bay	49	47	.510	9
Toronto	48	47	.505	9½
Boston	48	48	.500	10

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	52	44	.542	—
Chicago	50	45	.526	1½
Cleveland	47	48	.495	4½
Kansas City	40	54	.426	11
Minnesota	40	55	.421	11½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	56	37	.602	—
Los Angeles	51	44	.537	6
Oakland	50	44	.532	6½
Seattle	42	55	.433	16

Sunday's results

Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 15, Boston 7
Seattle 2, Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 5
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.

Saturday's results

Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 9, L.A. Angels 2
Baltimore 3, Cleveland 1
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 3
Seattle 2, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 7, Boston 3
Oakland 2, N.Y. Yankees 1

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern

Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 4-4) at Cleveland (Masterson 6-8), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 10-4) at Texas (Feldman 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Liriano 3-9) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 7-8), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Chen 7-8) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 9-6), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 9-7) at Seattle (Millwood 3-7), 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 15, RED SOX 7

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Lawrie 3b	5	3	2	1	Ellsury cf	5	2	2	1
YEscor ss	4	2	3	0	Nava lf	4	0	0	0
Rasms cf	6	2	2	2	Pedroia 2b	4	1	1	0
Encrnc 1b	2	2	1	2	AdGnzl 1b	4	2	2	3
Arencii dh	4	1	1	4	C.Ross dh	4	0	0	0
Lind ph-dh	1	0	1	0	SItlmch c	4	0	1	0
RDavis rf	4	3	3	2	Sweeny rf	2	1	1	0
Snider lf	4	1	2	3	Ciriaco ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Mathis c	4	0	1	1	Aviles ss	3	1	1	2
Vizquel 2b	5	1	2	0	Punto 3b	4	0	1	1
Totals	**39**	**15**	**18**	**15**	**Totals**	**35**	**7**	**9**	**7**
Toronto					**540 020 040**			**15**	
Boston					**300 112 000**			**7**	

DP—Boston 3. LOB—Toronto 6, Boston 3. 2B—Encarnacion (19), R.Davis (11), Sweeney (18), Aviles (24). HR—Lawrie (9), Arencibia (15), R.Davis (5), Snider (1), Ellsbury (1), Ad.Gonzalez (9). S—Y.Escobar, Mathis. SF—Encarnacion, Snider, Aviles.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
H.Alvarez W,6-7	5 2-3	8	7	7	1	2
Beck	0	1	0	0	0	0
Loup	2 1-3	0	0	0	0	2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	55	39	.585	—
Atlanta	52	43	.547	3½
New York	47	48	.495	8½
Miami	44	51	.463	11½
Philadelphia	42	54	.438	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	55	40	.579	—
Pittsburgh	54	40	.574	½
St. Louis	50	45	.526	5
Milwaukee	44	50	.468	10½
Chicago	38	56	.404	16½
Houston	34	62	.354	21½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	53	42	.558	—
Los Angeles	52	44	.542	1½
Arizona	47	48	.495	6
San Diego	41	56	.423	13
Colorado	36	58	.383	16½

Sunday's results

L.A. Dodgers 8, N.Y. Mets 3, 12 innings
Cincinnati 2, Milwaukee 1
Washington 9, Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 3, Miami 0
Philadelphia 4, San Francisco 3, 12 innings
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 3, Colorado 2
Arizona 8, Houston 2

Saturday's games

Atlanta 4, Washington 0, 1st game
L.A. Dodgers 8, N.Y. Mets 5
San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 5, 10 innings
Washington 5, Atlanta 2, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 5, Miami 1
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 2
St. Louis 12, Chicago Cubs 0
Arizona 12, Houston 3
Colorado 8, San Diego 6, 12 innings

Tonight's games
All Times Eastern

Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 6-8) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 5-10), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 3-6) at Philadelphia (Halladay 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Minor 5-6) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (C.Young 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 7-3) at Houston (W.Rodriguez 7-8), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 4-9) at St. Louis (J.Kelly 1-2), 8:15 p.m.
Colorado (J.Sanchez 0-0) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 7-8), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 7-10) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 7-4), 10:15 p.m.

A.Carpenter	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston						
Lester L,5-8	4	9	11	11	5	2
Tazawa	3	2	0	0	0	5
Melancon	1-3	5	4	4	0	0
Albers	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Aceves	1	1	0	0	0	1

Lester pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.
Beck pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
WP—Lester.
T—3:28. A—37,737 (37,067) at Boston.

SATURDAY

BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 3

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Gose rf	3	0	0	0	Nava rf	3	0	0	0
RDavis ph-rf	1	2	1	0	Crwfrd lf	4	0	0	0
Lawrie 3b	3	0	1	3	Pedroia 2b	4	0	1	0
Rasms cf	3	1	0	1	AdGnzl 1b	4	1	1	0
Encrnc 1b	3	1	1	2	C.Ross dh	3	1	1	0
Lind dh	5	0	0	0	SItlmch c	4	1	1	3
Arencii c	4	1	1	1	Mdlrks 3b	4	0	0	0
KJhnsn 2b	4	1	1	0	Sweeny cf	3	0	0	0
YEscor ss	4	1	1	0	Ciriaco ss	3	0	1	0
Snider lf	4	0	1	0					

Totals	**34**	**7**	**7**	**7**	**Totals**			**32**	**3**	**5**	**3**
Toronto					**001**	**002**	**301**	**7**			
Boston					**030**	**000**	**000**	**3**			

E—Y.Escobar (9), Ciriaco (1), Middlebrooks (9). DP—Toronto 1, Boston 1. LOB—Toronto 7, Boston 4. 2B—R.Davis (10), K.Johnson (10), Y.Escobar (12), C.Ross (17). HR—Encarnacion (26), Arencibia (14), Saltalamacchia (18). SB—R.Davis (25), Y.Escobar (3), Ciriaco (4). S—Lawrie. SF—Lawrie.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Villanueva W,5-0	6 1-3	4	3	3	2	5
Happ H,1	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver H,11	1	1	0	0	0	1
Lyon	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston						
A.Cook L,2-3	6 1-3	4	5	3	1	1
F.Morales	1-3	0	1	1	1	1
Albers	0	1	0	0	2	0
A.Miller	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Padilla	1	1	0	0	0	2
Tazawa	1	1	1	1	1	0

Albers pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.
WP—Villanueva.
Umpires—Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Rob Drake; Second, Joe West; Third, Sam Holbrook.
T—3:04. A—38,170 (37,495).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned LHP Donnie Veal to Charlotte (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned RHP Stephen Pryor to Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled RHP Brandon Gomes from Durham (IL). Optioned LHP Cesar Ramos to Charlotte.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned OF Kipp Schutz to Lansing (MWL) and OF Josh Almonte to the Gulf Coast Blue Jays.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Bryan Shaw to Reno (PCL). Added RHP Brad Bergesen to the 25-man roster.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Ramon Delgado to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled LHP Jeff Beliveau from Iowa (PCL). Optioned RHP Rafael Dolis to Iowa.
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with LHP Will Ohman on a minor league contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned RHP Gera Sanchez to the Gulf Coast Astros. Claimed RHP Mark Hamburger off waivers from San Diego and assigned him to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled LHP Dallas Keuchel from Oklahoma City. Traded RHP Brett Myers to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Matthew Heidenreich and LHP Blair Walters.
NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Elvin Ramirez from Buffalo (IL). Designated RHP Miguel Batista for assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Reinstated OF Laynce Nix from the 15-day DL. Designated OF Jason Pridie for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated LHP Eric Stults from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Nick Vincent to Tucson (PCL). Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Quentin on a three-year contract through 2015.

FOOTBALL

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released RB Bloi-Dei Dorzon from the practice roster. Signed DL J.T. Gilmore to the practice roster.

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

Results Sunday from the 20th and final stage of the Tour de France, a 120.0-kilometre largely ceremonial flat ride from Rambouillet ending on the Champs-Elysees in Paris:

1. Mark Cavendish, Britain, Sky Procycling, three hours, eight minutes, seven seconds; 2. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Liquigas-Cannondale, same time; 3. Matthew Harley Goss, Australia, Orica GreenEdge, s.t.; 4. Juan Jose Haedo, Argentina, Team Saxo Bank-Tinkoff Bank, s.t.; 5. Kris Boeckmans, Belgium, Vacansoleil-DCM, s.t.; 6. Gregory Henderson, New Zealand, Lotto Belisol, s.t.; 7. Borut Bozic, Slovenia, Astana, s.t.; 8. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Belisol, s.t.; 9. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 10. Jimmy Engoulvent, France, Saur-Sojasun, s.t..
11. Tyler Farrar, U.S., Garmin-Sharp-Barracuda, s.t.; 12. Koen de Kort, Netherlands, Argos-Shimano, s.t.; 13. Luca Paolini, Italy, Katusha, s.t.; 14. Yohann Gene, France, Team Europcar, s.t.; 15. Sebastien Hinault, France, France, AG2R La Mondiale, s.t.; 16. Ruben Perez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, four seconds behind; 17. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, s.t.; 18. Marco Marcato, Italy, Vacansoleil-DCM, s.t.; 19. Andrey Kashechkin, Kazakhstan, Astana, s.t.; 20. Samuel Dumoulin, France, Cofidis, s.t..

Also

27. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, 0:07; 33. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, 0:09; 34. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, s.t.; 47. Tejay Van Garderen, U.S., BMC Racing, s.t.; 54. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 58. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, s.t..

Overall Standings
(final after 20 stages)

1. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, 87 hours, 34 minutes, 47 seconds; 2. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, 3:21 behind; 3. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, 6:19; 4. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, 10:15; 5. Tejay Van Garderen, U.S., BMC Racing, 11:04; 6. Haimar Zubeldia, Spain, RadioShack-Nissan, 15:41; 7. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, 15:49; 8. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, 16:26; 9. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, 16:33; 10. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 17:17.
11. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, 17:54; 12. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 19:33; 13. Christopher Horner, U.S., RadioShack-Nissan, 19:55; 14. Chris Anker Sorensen, Denmark, Team Saxo Bank-Tinkoff Bank, 25:27; 15. Denis Menchov, Russia, Katusha, 27:22; 16. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, RadioShack-Nissan, 28:30; 17. Egoi Martinez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, 31:46; 18. Rui Costa, Portugal, Movistar, 37:03; 19. Eduard Vorganov, Russia, Katusha, 38:16; 20. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, 42:26.

Team Standings

1. RadioShack-Nissan (Luxembourg), 263 hours, 12 minutes, 14 seconds; 2. Sky Procycling (Britain), 5:46 behind; 3. BMC Racing (U.S.), 36:29; 4. Astana (Kazakhstan), 43:22; 5. Liquigas-Cannondale (Italy), 1:04:55; 6. Movistar (Spain), 1:08:16; 7. Team Europcar (France), 1:08:46; 8. Katusha (Russia), 1:12:46; 9. FDJ-Big Mat (France), 1:19:30; 10. AG2R La Mondiale (France), 1:41:15.
11. Lotto-Belisol (Belgium), 2:14:58; 12. Omega Pharma-Quick Step (Belgium), 2:17:25; 13. Rabobank (Netherlands), 2:54:44; 14. Saur-Sojasun (France), 2:54:46; 15. Euskaltel-Euskadi (Spain), 3:11:08; 16. Team Saxo Bank-Tinkoff Bank (Denmark), 3:21:23; 17. Lampre-ISD (Italy), 3:56:30; 18. Vacansoleil-DCM (Netherlands), 4:32:48; 19. Cofidis Le Credit en Ligne (France), 4:39:48; 20. Garmin-Sharp (U.S.), 4:57:52.

GOLF

BRITISH OPEN

At LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England
Par 70
Final round

Ernie Els, $1,405,890	67-70-68-68—273
Adam Scott, $812,202	64-67-68-75—274
Tiger Woods, $464,725	67-67-70-73—277
Brandt Snedeker, $464,725	66-64-73-74—277
Luke Donald, $304,610	70-68-71-69—278
Graeme McDowell, $304,610	67-69-67-75—278
Nicolas Colsaerts, $222,599	65-77-72-65—279
Thomas Aiken, $222,599	68-68-71-72—279
Geoff Ogilvy, $124,343	72-68-73-67—280
Miguel Angel Jimenez, $124,343	71-69-73-67—280
Ian Poulter, $124,343	71-69-73-67—280
Alexander Noren, $124,343	71-71-69-69—280
Vijay Singh, $124,343	70-72-68-70—280
Dustin Johnson, $124,343	73-68-71-71—280
Matt Kuchar, $124,343	69-67-72-72—280
Mark Calcavecchia, $124,343	71-68-69-72—280
Thorbjorn Olesen, $124,343	69-66-71-74—280
Zach Johnson, $124,343	65-74-66-75—280
Hunter Mahan, $79,277	70-71-70-70—281
Steven Alker, $79,277	69-69-72-71—281
Louis Oosthuizen, $79,277	72-68-68-73—281
Bill Haas, $79,277	71-68-68-74—281
Carl Pettersson, $60,044	71-68-73-70—282
Simon Dyson, $60,044	72-67-73-70—282
Steve Stricker, $60,044	67-71-73-71—282
Peter Hanson, $60,044	67-72-72-71—282
Matthew Baldwin, $60,044	69-73-69-71—282
James Morrison, $60,044	68-70-72-72—282
Nick Watney, $60,044	71-70-69-72—282
Bubba Watson, $60,044	67-73-68-74—282
Rickie Fowler, $47,124	71-72-70-70—283
Anirban Lahiri, $47,124	68-72-70-73—283
Jason Dufner, $47,124	70-66-73-74—283
John Senden, $40,615	70-71-75-68—284
Jim Furyk, $40,615	72-70-71-71—284
Gary Woodland, $40,615	73-70-70-71—284
Paul Lawrie, $40,615	65-71-76-72—284
Keegan Bradley, $40,615	71-72-68-73—284
Richard Sterne, $32,023	69-73-73-70—285
K.J. Choi, $32,023	70-73-71-71—285
Troy Matteson, $32,023	70-72-71-72—285
Francesco Molinari, $32,023	69-72-71-73—285
Padraig Harrington, $32,023	70-72-70-73—285
Kyle Stanley, $32,023	70-69-70-76—285
Ross Fisher, $23,180	72-71-74-69—286
Bob Estes, $23,180	69-72-74-71—286
Pablo Larrazabal, $23,180	73-70-71-72—286
Lee Westwood, $23,180	73-70-71-73—286
Rafael Echenique, $23,180	73-69-71-73—286
Joost Luiten, $23,180	73-70-69-74—286
Justin Hicks, $23,180	68-74-69-75—286
Greg Chalmers, $23,180	71-68-71-76—286
Simon Khan, $23,180	70-69-71-76—286
Fredrik Jacobson, $20,073	69-73-73-72—287
Yoshinori Fujimoto, $20,073	71-70-73-73—287
G.Fernandez-Castano, $20,073	71-71-72-73—287
Greg Owen, $20,073	71-71-71-74—287
Harris English, $20,073	71-71-70-75—287
Thomas Bjorn, $20,073	70-69-72-76—287
Rory McIlroy, $19,292	67-75-73-73—288
Jamie Donaldson, $19,292	68-72-72-76—288
Dale Whitnell, $19,292	71-69-72-76—288
Charles Howell III, $18,589	72-71-74-72—289
Lee Slattery, $18,589	69-72-75-73—289
Retief Goosen, $18,589	70-70-75-74—289
Sang-moon Bae, $18,589	72-71-71-75—289
Garth Mulroy, $18,589	71-69-72-77—289
Jeev Milkha Singh, $17,964	70-71-76-73—290
Aaron Baddeley, $17,964	71-71-74-74—290
Adilson Da Silva, $17,964	69-74-71-76—290
Martin Laird, $17,339	70-69-82-70—291
Chad Campbell, $17,339	73-70-74-74—291
Juvic Pagunsan, $17,339	71-72-73-75—291
Brendan Jones, $17,339	69-74-72-76—291
Toshinori Muto, $17,339	67-72-74-78—291
Tom Watson, $16,636	71-72-76-73—292
Warren Bennett, $16,636	71-70-75-76—292
Branden Grace, $16,636	73-69-71-79—292
John Daly, $16,168	72-71-77-74—294
Rafael Cabrera-Bello, $16,168	70-71-76-77—294
Andres Romero, $15,933	70-69-77-82—298

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Montreal	4	2	2	0	108	139	4
Winnipeg	4	0	4	0	78	141	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	4	3	1	0	121	78	6
Edmonton	4	3	1	0	89	56	6
Calgary	4	2	2	0	147	120	4
B.C.	4	2	2	0	106	102	4

Saturday's result
Hamilton 39 Montreal 24
Friday's result
Edmonton 27 B.C. 14
Thursday's result
Calgary 41 Saskatchewan 38 (OT)
Wednesday's result
Toronto 25 Winnipeg 22
WEEK FIVE
Thursday, July 26
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, July 27
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 28
Hamilton at Saskatchewan, 6 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	21	11	5	5	37	29	38
Kansas City	21	11	6	4	26	19	37
Houston	21	9	5	7	31	25	34
D.C.	20	10	7	3	34	27	33
Chicago	20	9	7	4	22	22	31
Columbus	18	7	7	4	18	19	25
Montreal	23	7	13	3	30	42	24
New England	20	6	9	5	25	25	23
Philadelphia	18	6	10	2	20	21	20
Toronto	20	5	11	4	24	36	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	21	13	4	4	43	25	43
Real Salt Lake	22	12	7	3	33	26	39
Seattle	20	8	5	7	25	21	31
Vancouver	21	8	6	7	23	25	31
Los Angeles	22	9	10	3	38	35	30
Chivas USA	19	6	8	5	13	21	23
Colorado	21	7	13	1	27	30	22
Dallas	22	5	10	7	25	30	22
Portland	20	5	11	4	19	35	19

Sunday's result
Vancouver 2, San Jose 1
Saturday's results
Houston 3 Montreal 0
Columbus 1 D.C. United 0
Dallas 5 Portland 0
Kansas City 0 New England 0
Los Angeles 3 Chivas USA 1
New York 2 Philadelphia 0
Real Salt Lake 2 Colorado 0
Wednesday's results
Montreal 2 New England 1
Toronto 2 Colorado 1
Los Angeles 2 Vancouver 2
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March 21 - April 20
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♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Make some changes on the home front this week – the bigger the better. How can you lighten up your living space? What can you do to give yourself a more relaxing environment? Don't wait – just do it.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You don't need to raise your voice to make yourself heard – but you probably will. You want to make sure everyone – colleagues and loved ones alike – knows where you are coming from, and where you are going to.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You seem to believe that you have been hard done by. Why is that? Maybe it's not other people's fault, maybe it's your own. If you want to change your luck, first change the way you look at the world.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't worry if you have not done as much as you should have in recent weeks because the Sun in your sign will give you a boost. But don't wait for good things to be given to you – get them yourself.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A life of ease may sound inviting but what would you have to show for it in the long-term? Not much. You have so many talents and it's about time you started using them.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Friends and family members will go out of their way to assist you today and if you are sensible and act on their advice you will do well on several levels. Your social life is about to pick up dramatically too.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The Sun in Leo at this time of year leads to changes on the work front and it is important that you do not resist what happens over the next few weeks. Go with the flow and you'll do very well indeed.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's time to let go of beliefs and opinions that have been holding you back and to replace them with something a bit more up-to-date. You don't have to follow the herd but you do have to widen your perspective.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets are urging you to be more adventurous. There are occasions when it is right to take risks and this is one of them, so stop playing for time and start making things happen, at home and at work.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Put other people's interests first over the next few days, both in your personal life and at work. If you go out of your way to make life easy for others they will make it up to you big time later on.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Tear up an existing arrangement and replace it with something more to your liking. Others may not be happy about it but it is your happiness you should be thinking of.

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Crossword: Ontario

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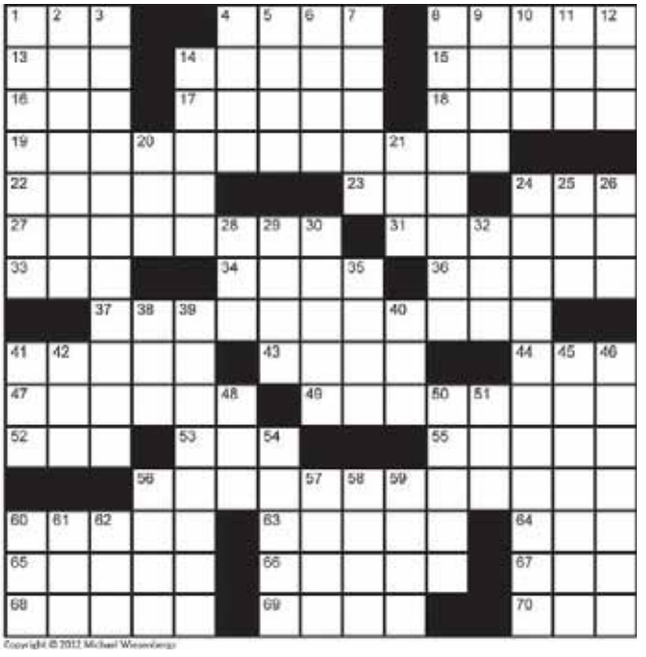

Across

1. Newmarket-born actor Carrey
4. Brampton-born Michael who received 2008 Canadian Comedy Award for best male performance for Superbad
8. With 68-Across, 4 out of 5 touch Ontario
13. Nabokov novel
14. What a French-Canadian traffic cop might yell
15. Where to get a date?
16. "___ gonna get it!"
17. Something to believe
18. Ghana's capital
19. Part of the War of 1812 fought April 27, 1813, at what is now Toronto
22. "___ far, far better thing that I do ..."
23. Locks linking two of 8- and 68-Across
24. Race starter
27. Library transactions
31. Scarborough or North York WRT Toronto
33. Dentistry deg.
34. Great Britain emblem
36. Timberlake's group
37. Willowdale-born comedian who hosted Deal or No Deal
41. Mary Tyler Moore Show spinoff
43. Oakville progressive rock quintet
44. Dashboard gauge
47. Broadcasters
49. Network bigshot
52. Summer in ON
53. Duncan do not
55. Israel native
56. Southernmost extent of Canada's mainland, in Lake Erie
60. Toronto-born actress Jennifer known for playing Linda on Still Standing
63. ___ Hudson: Windsor-born member of The Band
64. Vitamin stat
65. For ___: cheaply
66. Roman title
67. Auto retailer: abbr.
68. See 8-Across
69. Sway
70. Sugary ending

Down

1. Nakedness symbol
2. Conceptualized
3. Hamilton-born star of Three Amigos, Pure Luck, Mars Attacks!, Father of the Bride
4. Early Ontario inhabitants
5. Rubik of cube fame
6. Shoal
7. Lawyers: abbr.
8. Circumvent
9. Pool start
10. It's beside F1
11. Broadcast
12. US airport checkers
14. Attorney-___
20. Mao ___-tung
21. Bond, etc.
24. London-born bandleader who formed The Royal Canadians in 1924
25. Carafe
26. US network
28. Clay, after
29. Falsehoods
30. Intoxicating elixirs
32. Mad cow disease
35. Former Hungarian premier Imre
38. Poem
39. Admonitions
40. As ___: Persian poker ancestor
41. Canada's ____ Dawn Chong
42. Secreted
45. Fräulein's frocks
46. How many stupid things are done
48. Unhappy
50. "Steady ___ goes!"
51. Indian lentil dish
54. Lawn tool
56. Not yours
57. Pack cargo
58. One of 8- and 68-Across
59. "___have to do"
60. Proverb or confident suffix
61. Cape Town's nation: abbr.
62. Convex cooker

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	8					1	2	
3	2				5	7		
6		7	2				5	
				5				
	9				4	2		1
		1	6				7	9
	6	3					1	
			8		9	4		

Friday's Sudoku

4	3	5	2	1	6	9	8	7
9	6	2	8	7	5	4	3	1
7	8	1	3	9	4	2	6	5
5	7	3	9	4	8	6	1	2
1	4	9	6	2	3	5	7	8
8	2	6	1	5	7	3	4	9
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